

ADVISORY PANEL - BACKGROUNDER

Purpose and Mandate

Reporting to the Minister of Health, the Advisory Panel will:

- Recommend a structure with fewer regional health authorities to achieve administrative efficiencies as well as improvements to front-line service delivery;
- Consider opportunities to consolidate clinical or health system support services currently delivered by regional health authorities or other health care agencies that may be more effectively delivered on a province-wide basis and the mechanism(s) to best organize and deliver such services;
- Review current legislation and processes to ensure they adequately establish: the roles of health systems boards; their composition; structure and reporting relationship to achieve appropriate accountability; and
- Identify processes to enhance management information to improve and observe on performance management of the health care system.

Advisory Panel Member Biographies

Tyler Bragg has extensive experience in a variety of health related portfolios including several years as Chief Financial Officer for Cypress Health Region. He was appointed as Chair of the Cypress Regional Health Authority in 2008 and served in that role for eight years. He helped the health region achieve balanced budgets annually and played a key role in securing provincial approval on major construction projects in Swift Current and Maple Creek. Mr. Bragg also served as Vice Chair of the provincial Governance Council and Chair of the Regional Health Authority Chairs Forum. He also served on a number of provincial health organizational committee holding a variety of responsibilities. Mr. Bragg is co-founder and managing partner of Pinnacle Financial Services where he currently specializes in income tax planning and advisory services for small businesses, farms, corporations and trusts.

Dr. Dennis Kendel is a family physician and a University of Saskatchewan medical graduate who has had a long and distinguished career in Saskatchewan health care. Dr. Kendel is Chief Executive Officer of the Physician Recruitment Agency of Saskatchewan and will be retiring on September 15. He has also served in leadership roles with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan and the Saskatchewan Medical Association. In 2004, Dr. Kendel was recognized for his commitment and involvement with quality improvement and efforts to transform health care in Saskatchewan when he was awarded the province's highest honour, the Saskatchewan Award of Merit.

Brenda Abrametz was appointed Board Chairperson of the Prince Albert Parkland Regional Health Authority Board of Directors in 2013, after serving as Vice Chairperson since 2009. Ms. Abrametz is a local business owner in Prince Albert and also manages two other small business offices. Ms. Abrametz is also a board member with the North East Regional Appeal Board. Ms. Abrametz will be temporarily stepping aside as Board Chairperson during the review.

Consultation Process

The Advisory Panel will review existing structures and processes, and consult with health system partners and stakeholders. Findings will be presented to the Minister of Health.

Information about the Advisory Panel and process for making submissions will be posted on the Government of Saskatchewan website, <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/public-consultations>

Current Regional Health Authority Boundaries

