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Looking for a new voice – HQCA seeks Patient and Family Advisory Committee member

(Calgary, AB) The Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) is recruiting for a new member to join our Patient and Family Advisory Committee.

“The HQCA’s success relies on having a patient and family perspective across our projects,” says Charlene McBrien-Morrison, Chief Executive Officer for the HQCA. “Engaging with and listening to our Patient and Family Advisory Committee is one meaningful way in which we do this. Our members’ unique perspectives and diverse experiences inform and influence how we pursue opportunities to improve health service quality, person-centred care, and patient safety for Albertans.”

This volunteer Committee is made up of a group of 12 people from across the province with various backgrounds and lived experiences, who provide input to the HQCA to help improve aspects of Alberta’s publicly funded healthcare system. The Committee reports directly to the HQCA Board of Directors and focuses on issues of patient safety, person-centred care, and health service quality from the system perspective.

“Participating on this committee is an opportunity to learn more about efforts underway to improve patient safety, person-centred care, and health service quality in Alberta,” says Sue Peters, HQCA Patient and Family Advisory Committee Chair. “I am proud to provide my voice to the HQCA and these efforts. The input of our Committee provides a critical patient/family lens to this important work. I’m excited to add a new and unique perspective to our table.”

Applicants must be 18 years or older, reside in Alberta, and have a passion for improving the quality of Alberta’s healthcare system.

Committee members are appointed for an initial term of three years and may serve a maximum of two terms. Meetings are held four times each year on a Saturday. These meetings are held in person, rotating between Calgary and Edmonton.

The HQCA compensates Committee members for travel expenses and provides an honorarium for their time.

Anyone interested in becoming a member can find more details about this opportunity and the Expression of Interest Form on the HQCA website at www.hqca.ca/bethevoice.

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About the HQCA

The Health Quality Council of Alberta is a provincial agency that brings together patients, families, and our partners from across healthcare and academia to inspire improvement in patient safety, person-centred care, and health service quality. We assess and study the healthcare system, identify effective practices, and engage with Albertans to gather information about their experiences. Our responsibilities are outlined in the *Health Quality Council of Alberta Act*.