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### **Looking for patient/family voices – Health Quality Council of Alberta seeks Patient and Family Advisory Committee members**

(Calgary, AB) The Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) is recruiting for two new members to join its Patient and Family Advisory Committee (PFAC).

“Listening and responding to the patient and family perspective is critical to healthcare improvement,” says Charlene McBrien-Morrison, Chief Executive Officer for the HQCA. “The Health Quality Council of Alberta’s Patient and Family Advisory Committee members offer us unique and important perspectives. Their voices inform and influence our efforts to achieve our mandate to improve health service quality, person-centred care, and patient safety for Albertans.”

“Being a member of PFAC is an opportunity to learn about provincial efforts underway to improve patient safety, person-centred care, and health service quality in Alberta,” says Medgine Mathurin, Chair, HQCA Patient and Family Advisory Committee. “It is also an opportunity to share your lived experience to make a difference. I am proud to bring my voice to HQCA and these efforts. I’m excited to add a new and unique perspective to our table.”

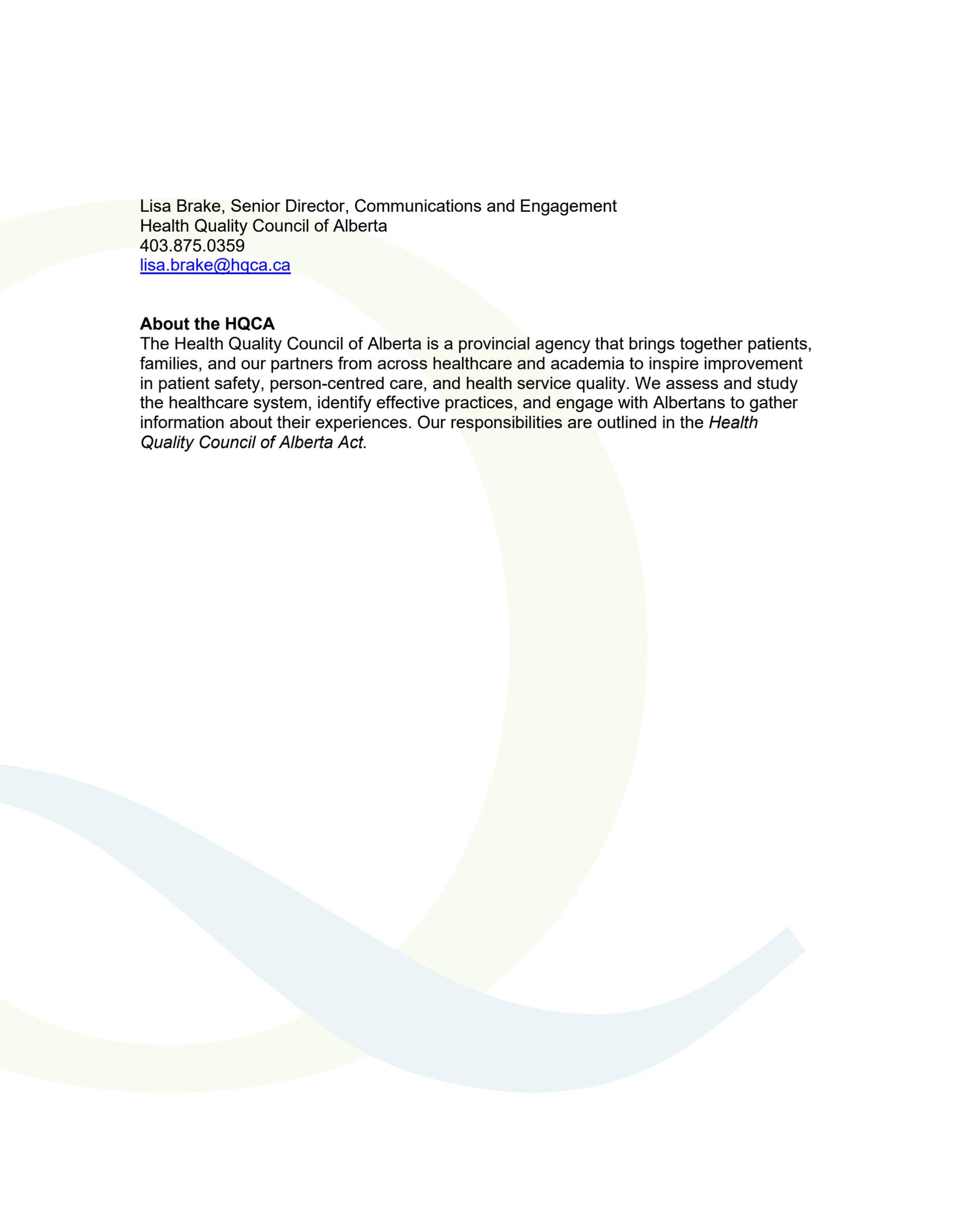
PFAC is comprised of 12-members from across Alberta representing many different lived experiences as patients and family members. More important than the geographic representation of the group is the variety of experiences and the passion each member has for improving healthcare.

Applicants must be 18 years or older, reside in Alberta, and have an interest in improving the quality of Alberta’s healthcare system. PFAC members are appointed for an initial term of three years and may serve a maximum of two terms. In-person meetings are held four times each year on a Saturday, rotating between Calgary and Edmonton. The HQCA compensates PFAC 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/bringyourvoice](http://www.hqca.ca/bringyourvoice).

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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*.