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## Health Quality Council of Alberta seeks voice of Albertans to improve healthcare quality

(Calgary, AB) The Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) is looking for Albertans to join its Patient and Family Advisory Committee to bring the patient and family perspective to their health system improvement work.

"The HQCA is always exploring ways to bring the voice of Albertans and their experiences to our work," says Andrew Neuner, 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 and patient safety for Albertans."

This volunteer Committee is made up of a group of 11 people from across the province and various backgrounds, 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 and health service quality from the system perspective.

"Our team of patient and family advisors work incredibly well together and everyone has an opportunity to speak and be heard – I am proud to serve on this Committee," says D'Arcy Duquette, HQCA Patient and Family Advisory Committee Chair. "The HQCA supports our work, listens to and considers our viewpoints, and provides meaningful opportunities to participate in their work and activities and interact with other healthcare organizations."

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 a 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. Expenses for travel to these meetings are covered by the HQCA.

Anyone interested in becoming a member is asked to complete an Expression of Interest form available online at www.hqca.ca

The Health Quality Council of Alberta is a provincial agency that pursues opportunities to improve patient safety and health service quality for Albertans.

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