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Provincial Health Ethics Network (PHEN) joins
the Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA)

Calgary – The Provincial Health Ethics Network (PHEN) has transitioned its operations to the Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA), effective October 1, 2012. The transition of PHEN to the HQCA gives PHEN's programs and services stability and sustainability.

"The inclusion of PHEN and its expertise on ethics fits well with the HQCA's commitment to health service quality and best practices, standards and education within the health system," says Dr. John Cowell, chief executive officer of the HQCA. "I am pleased PHEN's important work will continue as part of the HQCA."

"While we are saddened at the closure of PHEN as an independent organization, we look forward to the new opportunities that await us as part of the HQCA," says Joan Cody, PHEN board chair. "PHEN has a long legacy in Alberta as a leader in health ethics and we are pleased to bring this expertise to the HQCA."

The HQCA and PHEN are committed to the continued delivery of independent, high quality health ethics education and consultation resources in Alberta.

Prior to joining the HQCA, PHEN operated independently as a non-profit society with funding from Alberta Health. As part of the HQCA, the organization will have a secure, long-term home.

The HQCA gathers and analyzes information and collaborates with Alberta Health Services, Alberta Health, academia, health professions and other stakeholders to translate that knowledge into practical improvements to health service quality and patient safety in the healthcare system. The HQCA is an independent corporation legislated under the Health Quality Council of Alberta Act.

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