

Backgrounder: Board and Leadership Announced for Pan-Canadian Healthcare Quality and Safety Organization

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Jennifer Zelmer, President and CEO

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- Vincent Dumez, Co-director, Center of Excellence on Partnering with Patients and the Public (CEPPP); Faculty of Medicine, Université de Montréal; Research Centre of the Centre hospitalier de l'Université de Montréal (CRCHUM)
- Jeanette Edwards, Strategic Lead, Shared Services, Community Health, Quality and Learning, Manitoba
- Dr. Petrina McGrath, Executive Director of Quality and Safety, Saskatchewan Health Authority
- Tammie Myles, Owner/Director, Mother Earth Whispers; Senior Community Manager, Stz'uminus First Nations
- Dr. Blair O'Neill, Interventional and Preventative Cardiology, Professor of Medicine, Alberta Health Services
- Sue Owen, President and CEO, Impreza Consulting
- Erik Sande, President, Medavie Health
- Marcel Saulnier, Associate ADM, Strategic Policy Branch, Health Canada
- Dean Screpnek, Assistant Deputy Minister, Health Quality, Standards & Performance Division Alberta Health

Senior Leadership Team

Maryanne D'Arpino, Vice-President, Programs and System Transformation

As Vice-President, Programs and System Transformation, Maryanne will shape Amalco's strategic vision as it relates to programs aimed at health system transformation and will provide leadership to continuously strengthening Amalco's program capacity, building capability within the system and enhancing our responsiveness, impact and reach within all levels of the health system.

A nurse by profession, Maryanne brings a passion for quality improvement and patient safety and a wealth of experience and expertise to the role, having served the healthcare sector for over 24 years in various progressive leadership roles, including currently as CPSI's Director of Operations. In this capacity, she provided leadership to CPSI's strategy development and implementation of the Patient Safety Improvement and Capability Building Portfolio. Maryanne fosters strong alliances with multi-partner, pan-Canadian and international stakeholder groups.

Maria Judd, Vice-President, Strategic Initiatives and Engagement

Maria Judd leads the newly amalgamated organization to accelerate change, working closely with colleagues and partners to shape the organization's long-term strategy and identify and deliver new initiatives. Her portfolio includes cross cutting priority areas such as patient partnerships and Indigenous health.

A physiotherapist and epidemiologist by background, and NHS Quality and Safety Fellow, Maria brings a passion for healthcare improvement, and a patient-first perspective, that has evolved from her diverse roles within the health system as a community health centre board member, clinician, program manager and researcher. She was previously CFHI's Vice-President, Programs. In this capacity, Maria played a key role in CFHI's evolution, including strategic planning, partnership development and the creation and implementation of new programs.

Nancy Quattrocchi, Vice-President, Corporate Services

Before joining the newly amalgamated organization of CFHI and CPSI, Nancy was CFHI's Vice-President, Corporate Services where she oversaw finances, administration, human resources, information technology, knowledge management, performance measurement, and other functions for the organization. She also provided governance support to the Finance and Audit, as well as the Investment Committees, of the Board of Directors. In this role, Nancy will lead the formulation and implementation of strategies, programs, policies and procedures for corporate administration, operations, human resources, IT, privacy, legal, finance, and related functions.

Before joining CFHI (then CHSRF), Nancy gained extensive experience at the former Canadian Coordinating Office for Health Technology Assessment (now the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Therapies in Health), the Networks Centres of Excellence in Molecular and Interfacial Dynamics (CEMAID) at l'Université de Montréal, and at Cornell University.

Nancy holds a Master of Public Administration from Cornell University, is a Certified Human Resources Leader and holds a certificate in human resources law from the Osgoode Hall Law School of York University. In 2004, the Human Resources Professional Association of Ontario awarded her the Hicks Morley Vision Award for outstanding contribution to the strategic goals of an organization. She is also a member of several organizations, including the Canadian Society of Association Executives (CSAE) and the Human Resources Professionals Association (HRPA).

Graeme Wilkes, Senior Director, Communications and Marketing

Graeme Wilkes leads efforts to raise awareness of the organization's mission, programs, and achievements in fostering safe, high quality healthcare across Canada. For more than 20 years he has helped pan-Canadian not-for-profit and public sector organizations grow and expand their impact through communications with the public, their members, the media, governments and other stakeholders.

Before joining CFHI, Graeme worked at the Canadian Medical Association, where he led advocacy initiatives and managed CMA's relationships with other national medical organizations including the Wait Time Alliance - a coalition of CMA and 13 other national medical organizations dedicated to eliminating unnecessary waits for care. He has also worked in communications and government relations capacities for the Canadian Healthcare Association and the Government of Canada.

Graeme enjoys helping people and organizations tell their stories in ways that improve public policy. A graduate of Carleton University's Mass Communication program, Graeme is fluent in both French and English. In his spare time, he has volunteered for organizations promoting literacy for at-risk children and international public health.