Bending the Cost Curve in Health Care

COMMONWEALTH BALLROOM, HILTON GARDEN INN, SASKATOON, SK

Thursday, September 27, 2012

8:00 a.m.  Registration and Continental Breakfast (provided)

8:30 a.m.  Welcome and Opening Remarks
Greg Marchildon, Professor and Canada Research Chair, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy
Michael Atkinson, Executive Director and Professor, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy

8:45 a.m.  Panel Discussion: Health Leaders on Pressing Questions
Moderated by Dan Perrins, Director of Outreach & Training, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy
Alex Campbell, Regional Director General, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Saskatchewan Region, Health Canada
Maura Davies, President and Chief Executive Officer, Saskatoon Health Region
Dennis Kandel, former Registrar, College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan; former President, Medical Council of Canada; former President, Saskatchewan Medical Association
Marlene Smadu, Vice President, Quality and Transformation, Regina Qu’Appelle Health Region

10:15 a.m.  Break

10:30 a.m.  Cost Drivers in the Canadian Environment: A Macro Perspective
Moderated by Livio Di Matteo, Professor, Department of Economics, Lakehead University
Pierre-Gerlier Forest, President, Trudeau Foundation (on future policy landscape)
John Richards, Roger Phillips Chair in Social Policy, C.D. Howe Institute; Professor, Public Policy Program, Simon Fraser University (on taxation and the sustainability of the single-payer model)
Katherine Fierbeck, Professor, Department of Political Science, Dalhousie University (on future models of health care federalism for cost constraint)

12:00 p.m.  Keynote Luncheon (provided): The Dual Role of Health Care in a Modern Economy
Introduced by Robert Buckingham, Executive Director, School of Public Health, University of Saskatchewan
Uwe Reinhardt, James Madison Professor of Political Economy, Professor of Economics and Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University

2:00 p.m.  International Comparative Experience: Europe
Moderated by Ken Rasmussen, Associate Director, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy
Josep Figueras, Director, European Observatory on Health Systems & Policies; Head, World Health Organization European Centre on Health Policy (on European policy experience)
Alan Maynard, Professor, Department of Health Sciences, University of York (video presentation on the National Health Service and England)
Jon Magnusson, Professor, Department of Public Health & General Practice, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (on the Nordic countries)

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3:30 p.m.  Break

4:00 p.m.  International Comparative Experience: Asia, Australia and the United States  
Moderated by Daniel Bélard, Professor and Canada Research Chair, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy  
Tsung-Mei Cheng, Health Policy Research Analyst, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton University (on Taiwan and East Asian experience)  
Stephen Duckett, Professor, School of Public Health, University of Alberta; Professor Emeritus, La Trobe University (on Australia)  
Gerard F. Anderson, Professor, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University (on the United States)

6:00 p.m.  Keynote Dinner (provided): Canary in the Coal Mine? Health Care, Federalism and Lessons Learned  
Roy Romanow, Premier of Saskatchewan, 1991-2001; Royal Commissioner, 2001-02

Friday, September 28, 2012

8:00 a.m.  Continental Breakfast (provided)

8:30 a.m.  Cost Drivers and Policy Interventions in Canada: Specialist Analyses  
Moderated by Amy Zarzecny, Assistant Professor, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy  
Steve Morgan, Associate Director, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, University of British Columbia (on effective cost containment in public drug plans)  
Arthur Sweetman, Ontario Research Chair in Health Human Resources, Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis, McMaster University (on health human resource cost trends)  
Jeremiah Hurley, Professor, Department of Economics and Centre for Health Economics and Policy Analysis, McMaster University (on pay for performance initiatives)  
Herb Emery, Professor, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary; and Livio Di Matteo, Professor, Department of Economics, Lakehead University (on common determinants and drivers of provincial government health expenditures)

10:30 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m.  The Provinces and Unique Cost Drivers and Interventions: The East  
Moderated by Peggy Schmeiser, Director of Government Relations, University of Saskatchewan; Policy Fellow, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy  
François Bélard, Professor, Faculty of Medicine, Université de Montréal; Member, L’Institut de recherche en santé publique de l’Université de Montréal (on Quebec)  
Raisa Deber, Professor, Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation, University of Toronto (on Ontario)  
Joe Ruggeri, Honorary Research Professor, University of New Brunswick (on the Atlantic Canadian provinces)

12:00 p.m.  Luncheon (provided)
1:00 p.m.  The Provinces and Unique Cost Drivers and Interventions: The West  
Moderated by Tom McIntosh, Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Regina  
Greg Marchildon, Professor and Canada Research Chair, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy (on Saskatchewan and Manitoba)  
Stephen Duckett, Professor, School of Public Health, University of Alberta; Professor Emeritus, La Trobe University (on Alberta)  
Kimberlyn McGrail, Associate Director, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, University of British Columbia; and  
Robert Evans, Faculty, Centre for Health Services and Policy Research, University of British Columbia (on British Columbia)  

2:45 p.m.  Break  

3:00 p.m.  Panel Discussion: Health Leaders on Next Steps  
Moderated by Dan Perrins, Director of Outreach & Training, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy  
Panel featuring selected conference presenters who will discuss next steps for the Canadian health care system.  

4:00 p.m.  Closing Remarks  
Michael Atkinson, Executive Director and Professor, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy  
Livio Di Matteo, Professor, Department of Economics, Lakehead University  
Greg Marchildon, Professor and Canada Research Chair, Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy