

# *Creating Synergy*

HEALTH COALITION OF ALBERTA

## **Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) Breakfast**

Tuesday, November 26, 2013  
7:30 am – 8:45 am  
Royal Glenora Club, Edmonton, Alberta

Creating Synergy is an alliance of voluntary health sector organizations and consumer groups advocating with a united voice for better access to optimal health care for all Albertans. Our vision is: *The best people-centered health care for all Albertans.*

Creating Synergy believes that active and meaningful public engagement in decision-making regarding health care is vital in achieving better access to optimal health care for all Albertans.

Creating Synergy has invited you here today to increase your understanding and capacity to engage Albertans and stakeholders in health related decision-making processes.

### **AGENDA**

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 7:30 am – 7:40 am | Registration & Breakfast  |
| 7:40 am – 7:50 am | Welcome & Introduction<br>- <i>Tom Shand, Steering Committee Member</i>   |
| 7:50 am – 8:15 am | Alberta's Pharmaceutical Strategy and Program<br>Policy Recommendations<br>- <i>Dr. John Bachynsky, Steering Committee Member</i> |
| 8:15 am – 8:25 am | Gail Attara, President and Chief Executive Officer, Gastrointestinal<br>Society and Chair of the Best Medicines Coalition         |
| 8:25 am – 8:45 am | Thank you & Wrap up   |

**Creating Synergy Health Coalition of Alberta  
Morning Forum**

Tuesday, November 26, 2013  
8:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
Royal Glenora Club, Edmonton, Alberta

**AGENDA**

Registration

Welcome and Program Overview – *Katie Soles, Moderator*

Impact of Pharmaceutical Strategy – Leaping into Uncertainty  
*Dr. John Bachynsky*

Kit Poon, Pharmacist

From Bad to Worse – Elder Care in Alberta  
*Dr. Shannon Stunden Bower, Parkland Institute*

BREAK

Panel Discussion – Better Access to Healthcare for Albertans  
*Dr. David Swann, Alberta Liberal*  
*David Eggen, Health Critic, Alberta New Democrat*  
*Heather Forsyth, Health Critic, Alberta Wildrose*

**11:45 am – 1:00 pm**

**LUNCH**

Speaker: Paul McLoughlin, Publisher, Alberta Scan

## Afternoon Agenda – Creating Synergy Members

- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm            Creating Synergy Updates – Robin Telasky, Executive Director
- Society Registration
  - 2014 Lunch and Learn Series
  - Member Survey – Healthcare Access
- Discussion Paper: Putting Patient-centered Care Back into Healthcare – Sarah Hawkins, Canadian Cancer Society
- 2:00 pm – 2:15 pm            BREAK
- 2:15 pm – 2:45 pm            Policy Issues Brief – Pharmaceutical Policy  
Advocacy Action Plan – Sarah Hawkins, Canadian Cancer Society
- 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm            Next Forum – Spring 2014
- Wrap-up and Closing