

## Mandate

The Health Committee monitors, responds to, initiates debate and proposes changes with respect to health care and health related issues and works to lead and serve the business community of Calgary by acting as the voice for the business community. The Chamber's Health Committee has sponsored initiatives that include the need to build healthy workplaces, and major reforms to Alberta's health care system. Aging populations will create still more pressure on health care resources across the country – and this committee is dedicated to forward-looking ideas on the management of electronic health records, and data privacy and security, as well as solutions to the critical shortage of health care workers in a burgeoning economy.

## Summary of Previous Year's Work

The Health Committee recognized that Alberta's publicly-funded health care system is integral to the Alberta Advantage and the competitiveness of business. However, over the past decade or more the system has increasingly not met the needs of Albertans within a reasonable time frame. The group hosted a wide array of speakers to gain alternative perspectives on the change and innovation required for improvement.

With this knowledge, the Committee authored a position paper to reform provincial health care, with a key component being the fostering of healthy workplaces. The position was adopted by all Chambers in Alberta.

Members of the Committee also hosted an awards luncheon to recognize businesses that are leaders in creating healthy workplaces.

## Committee Meeting Guest Speakers

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>	<b>Topic</b>
October 2006	Harvey Voogd, Friends of Medicare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Care Policy</li> </ul>
November 2006	Dan Levson, Citizens for Quality Health Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health Care Policy</li> </ul>
December 2006	Dr. Stephen Miller, Chief Medical Officer, Health Resource Centre (HRC), Calgary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profile of HRC</li> </ul>
February 2007	Dr. Gerry Kiefer, President, Alberta Medical Association (AMA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Profile of AMA</li> </ul>
March 2007	Frank Work, Information and Privacy Commissioner of Alberta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Electronic Health Records and Privacy</li> </ul>

April 2007	Guy Kerr, President and CEO, Worker's Compensation Board (WCB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Profile of the WCB</li></ul>
June 2007	Jack Davis, President and CEO, Calgary Health Region (CHR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Profile and policy outlook of CHR</li></ul>