

## Procurement Advisory Table

### Update: October 13, 2016

Our [last update](#) was a few months ago, and we are excited to inform you about the important work we've done over the summer. We've had a number of meetings as a table, since May, to develop and refine our final report and recommendations that will help shape future contracting and procurement approaches and relationships between Human Services and contracted service providers.

We are pleased to report that after a year of brainstorming, discussing and deliberating about the best ways to achieve shared goals for clients, service providers and the ministry, our draft report is nearly complete.

Our four subcommittees – *Roles and Relationships*, *Strategic Procurement Roadmap*, *Cost for Procuring for Outcomes*, *Monitoring and Evaluation* – have drafted recommendations under three categories:

1. Strengthening relationships and creating space to collaborate
2. Maximizing value for investment and streamlining processes
3. Creating an open, fair, transparent procurement framework

The report and recommendations are intended to: help clarify the roles of Human Services staff and service providers, and improve relationships between them; reduce general administrative burdens and related costs so service providers can focus on achieving the best possible outcomes for Albertans; and help implement consistent integrated and transparent procurement processes that adhere to Government of Alberta legislation and policy.

Our report and recommendations are still in draft form, so we are unable to share it with you at this time. The next step is to present the recommendations to leads of the key associations representing contracted service providers in the coming few weeks, followed by a formal presentation to the Minister of Human Services in November. Once the report is accepted, it will be shared publicly and service providers will have an opportunity to provide feedback about implementation. We would, once again, like to thank you for your interest in and support of our table's work. We encourage you to share this update with your networks and stay tuned to [our web page](#) for further updates.

Sincerely,

[Procurement Advisory Table members](#)