September Update

September 5, 2017: Inaugural Meeting of Cabinet

In attendance: Deb Gordon, Dennis Kunimoto, Curt Johnson, David Zygun, and:

Members of the Cardiac Sciences Research Cabinet:
Alex Clark, Jason Dyck, Justin Ezekowitz, Darren Freed, Mike Hanninen, Evan Lockwood, Finlay McAlister, Steve Meyer, Michelle Noga, Dylan Taylor, and Bill McBlain (Chair). Mishaela Houle was unable to attend.

Focus: To Establish a Plan to Achieve Enhanced Integration and Collaboration in Cardiac Sciences Research

Topics, Discussions & Outcome(s):

1. Cardiac sciences is an area of real research strength in Edmonton.
   - Senior leadership believes the strengths & impacts of the various groups could become something more (integration & collaboration would yield research greater than the sum of the parts)

2. The Cabinet has the opportunity to define the future of cardiac sciences research in Edmonton (and beyond).
   - Cabinet members have been issued the challenge of thinking creatively about how to bring cardiac sciences together to do more, to enhance abilities to attract research funding & to contribute to relevant initiatives (e.g., Precision Health)
   - The end-point should be determined from the process while simultaneously learning from others’ successes

3. Cardiac sciences research should encompass a wide range of disciplines & include interdisciplinary approaches
   - Research & innovation results will be translatable into clinical practice in a timely way as appropriate
   - Training & data platforms, along with team-based tactics, should comprise facets of the research strategy
   - A flexible, resilient & continually evolving research entity may emerge

Next Steps

1. Future meetings of Cabinet are being set and will begin by addressing:
   - Instructive documents or resources required to inform the work
   - Potential learnings from other large, successful cardiac sciences research groups
   - The boundaries and contents of an Asset Map

2. Continue to work through a group process, including such things as:
   - SWOT Assessment
   - Objectives & Goals of the Cardiac Sciences Research Community
   - Vision for Enhanced Integration of Research in Clinical Environments
   - Unified Strategic Plan for Cardiac Research (maintaining existing brands where it makes sense to do so while elevating all brands)