



## Lesser Slave Lake Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 12, 2022 / 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. / Hybrid (Lakeland Centre in Slave Lake & Zoom)

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
<b>Members</b>	Susan Giesbrecht (Chair), Calvin Badger, Fay Cardinal, Robin Guild, Lorraine Muskwa and Norman Wang
<b>AHS</b>	Stacy Greening, Cindy Harmata, Dalique van der Nest, Marni Bercov, Dr. Frank Akwa, Shauna Wallbank, Gayleen Froese, Aaryn Lynham and Andrea Jackson.
<b>Regrets</b>	Lindsay Davies (Vice-Chair), Edna Boucher, Lindy Fors and Ernie Grach
<b>Public</b>	8
<b>Media</b>	Pearl Lorentzen, Slave Lake Leader
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Susan welcomed all in attendance, provided a land acknowledgement and went through introductions. Aaryn shared information about Health Advisory Councils.
<b>Approval of minutes</b>	May 2, 2022, minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
<b>Action items</b>	Dalique to share links about potential closure of High Prairie clinic, with contact information. <b>Complete.</b>
<b>Council Roundtable and Good News</b>	<p><b>Susan Giesbrecht, Chair</b>, reported on attending Advisory Council Spring Forum in May 2022. She recommends all members attend as it is a great professional development opportunity (one of many in this role).</p> <p>High Prairie – the community has a wonderful state-of-the-art facility, but staffing continues to be an issue. The dialysis unit is now open two days a week, which has diverted patients from having to travel to Slave Lake for treatment.</p> <p>Wabasca – after the municipality has run the long-term care facility for two years, AHS will take over the healthcare costs of operations, saving the municipality over \$2 million annually. The hospital emergency room is now open 24/7 but was only open for 12 hours recently. Finally, with a recent influx of suicides in the area, addictions and mental health remain a priority for the community.</p>
<b>Voices of the Community</b>	None of the public present came forward with any specific questions or concerns.





<b>Coordinator Update</b>	<p><b>Aaryn Lynham, Advisory Council Coordinator</b> provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council is planning a community engagement event for December 5, 2022, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. on Zoom. “Accessing Personal Health Information” will educate about My AHSCoconnect and Connect Care in the local area. A public invitation will be circulated.</li> <li>• Work Commitments will be revised for 2023 – 2025. Council members will each be assigned to a topic, so each topic has a lead and others to support. Next steps will be communicated to Council.</li> </ul>
<b>Interim Vice Chair Elections</b>	<p>As the current Vice Chair, Lindsay Davies, finishes her Council term Sep 30, an interim Vice Chair is required for five months (until the next Council meeting on February 6, 2023) when elections are held for both the Chair and Vice Chair positions to begin two-year terms.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ernie Grach submitted an Expression of Interest for the position before the meeting.</li> <li>• Robin Guild made a motion for nominations to cease. Calvin Badger seconded, all in favor. Motion was carried.</li> <li>• <b>Ernie Grach was declared the interim Vice Chair of the Lesser Slave Lake HAC by acclamation, to serve a five-month term.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Presentation: AHS Provincial Mental Health &amp; Justice Initiatives</b></p> <p>Marni Bercov, Director, AMH</p>	<p>The presentation from Marni Bercov, Director of Provincial Addictions and Mental Health (including Mental Health and Justice) spoke about the team’s collaboration with <a href="#">Corrections Health Services</a> (CHS); <a href="#">Provincial Family Violence Treatment Program</a> (PFVTP); <a href="#">Domestic Abuse Response Team</a> (DART); <a href="#">Provincial Mental Health Diversion Program</a> (PMHDP); and <a href="#">Regional Police and Crisis Team</a> (RPACT)</p> <p>The <a href="#">AHS ID Program</a> allows clients without government-issued photo identification and health cards to be referred to more appropriate levels-of-care or follow-up services in the community. Other initiatives include the Health IM system, and the Police Call Line, which allows law enforcement to triage mental health calls with an AHS mental health specialist.</p>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaryn to email Council about next steps to begin revising Council work commitments for 2023 – 2025.</li> <li>• Shauna to investigate recruitment in Calling Lake to see how it is structured. Unsure if it is run through Medical Affairs.</li> </ul>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Date:</b> Monday, February 6, 2023  <b>Time:</b> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  <b>Location:</b> Online only through Zoom. Advance registration is required. <a href="#">Register for the Zoom meeting.</a></p>

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