



## Peace Health Advisory Council Commitments 2023 - 2026

Topic	Commitment
<b>Addiction and Mental Health</b>	<p>Council acknowledges the efforts AHS has made, and initiatives implemented to improve addiction and mental health (AMH) services. Council is concerned about the impact of mental health diagnoses in their respective communities, and its impact on all demographics and cultures. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host an information session or engagement event on addiction and mental health (AMH) resources in the HAC area, including urban and rural recovery programs.</li> <li>• Invite site navigators to present about AMH navigation services and resources in the North Zone.</li> <li>• Partner with community organizations such as the Resource Centre for Suicide Prevention to host an information session on services available locally.</li> <li>• Tour and share information on the new AMH facility in Grande Prairie when it's open.</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Care and Service Providers / Continuum of Care</b>	<p>Council has identified that improving communication between the various levels of care is important to the health of the people in their communities. This includes communication to patients and families as they transition from hospital to continuing care or to home. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request updates from North Zone leadership at each HAC meeting on surgical wait times (hip/knee) in the HAC area.</li> <li>• Identify and share information with community members on how to find and access family doctors in the HAC area.</li> <li>• Support the work of attraction and retention committees in the North Zone by inviting Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) to present at a Council meeting on strategies, successes and challenges re recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals in the HAC area.</li> <li>• Host a presentation featuring homecare for seniors, palliative care and end of life supports.</li> <li>• Invite the Senior's and Continuing Care PAC to present at a meeting.</li> <li>• Invite Alberta Health to present on continuing care for seniors, including information about the Government of Alberta's Strategic Plan, and Business plan for members to review and share with their network.</li> </ul>
<b>Recruitment / Retention of Healthcare Professionals</b>	<p>Council has identified recruitment / retention of healthcare professionals as top priority in the Council area due to physician and nurse vacancies. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner with RhPAP and AHS' Physician Recruitment to host a follow up event to "Growing Your Own Healthcare Professionals," with municipal leaders, community, and invited stakeholders to brainstorm on attraction and retention of healthcare professionals in the HAC area.</li> <li>• Form a panel with AHS to inform of its work toward staff retention, wait times and recruiting and retaining specialists (e.g., anesthesiologists, obstetricians).</li> </ul>