



Prairie Mountain Health Advisory Council Commitments and Priorities 2022 – 2023

	Goals	
Advisory Council Goals	<p>Council commits to the creation and use of processes for the effective communication and transfer of knowledge and information among AHS, PMHAC and the communities we serve. To accomplish this goal, Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance our knowledge and training related to governance/mandate/limitations, and AHS programs, services and initiatives. • Enhance public awareness about the healthcare system, assist with system navigation, and share information as requested by zone leadership about AHS programs, services and initiatives. • Identify, validate, and communicate community input and feedback with zone leadership related to AHS services and local healthcare issues and trends. 	
Topic	Priorities and Commitments	Tracking
Enhancing Care in the Community	<p>Recognizing the impact of the social determinants of health on the work of AHS and health outcomes in general, Council will liaise with community groups and networks to enhance two-way communication about our respective roles, challenges, and potential opportunities for collaboration. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and communicate to AHS the need for services such as home care and mental health as expressed by members of the PMHAC community. • Increase our knowledge and share information with community of current technological advances and healthcare integrations from both the care provider and patient perspective. • Council will continue to promote the implementation, rollout, and evaluation of Connect Care from Zone Senior Leadership and the Connect Care team to our communities. 	Ongoing



<p>Indigenous Health</p>	<p>Council recognizes the value of traditional and cultural knowledge and practices that ensure appropriate and innovative health service delivery for Indigenous people in Alberta. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the work of the Calgary Zone Indigenous Health Action Plan, in alignment with the work of the Wisdom Council. • Seek Indigenous awareness and knowledge in Council activities and share our learnings with the community. • Support the efforts taken by AHS regarding Truth and Reconciliation’s Calls to Action. 	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Enhancing Relationships in Community Health</p>	<p>Council recognizes there are many community organizations that are also committed to ensuring that all Albertans have access to quality health services, whether they live within urban, rural or isolated regions. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and maintain relationships with local health foundations, non-profit organizations in health and human services, post-secondary institutions and other community networks/organizations that are knowledgeable on community service needs. • Support, and promote resources offered by government mandated health organizations such as the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) and the Calgary Zone Primary Care Networks (CZPCNs). 	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Seniors and Continuing Care</p>	<p>Council recognizes that high-quality health services for seniors include wellness, independence, choice; and that the unique needs of individuals are respected. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the work of AHS in the area of homecare for seniors aging in place and those not within traditional home care. • Support the work of the Seniors and Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council (PAC) to better understand how Council can support Senior and Continuing Care. • Support the work of the Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) on improving conditions at seniors and continuing care sites. 	<p>Ongoing</p>



<p>Addiction and Mental Health</p>	<p>Council recognizes that the social determinants of health impact not only the development of addiction and mental illness, but also has a wide range of health, lifestyle, and quality of life outcomes. Council also recognizes that the pandemic has had a devastating impact on the mental health and well-being of Albertans across rural and urban Alberta. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a community voice through consultation with Calgary Zone Addiction and Mental Health to support Calgary Zone strategic priorities and goals. • Establish a deeper relationship with the Addiction and Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council (PAC) to better understand how Council can support AMH initiatives in the Calgary Zone. • Continue to learn, support, and promote addiction and mental health resources and services offered by Calgary Zone AHS, and related organizations and associations such as the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) within the Council area. 	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Rural Health</p>	<p>Council has identified rural health as a top priority in our Council area. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the retention and recruitment of healthcare professionals (i.e., doctors, nurses, physio therapists, etc.), by continuing to build and maintain relationships with organizations tasked with the recruitment and retention of rural healthcare providers – (e.g. RhPAP and the Society of Rural Physicians of Canada). • Monitor and support the work of the EMS Improving Systems Flow project. • Support initiatives impacting rural health such as the Surgical Recovery project. 	<p>Ongoing</p>