



Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council Commitments and Priorities 2021 - 2023

Goals		
Advisory Council Goals	<p>Council will receive regular updates and an overview of progress from the Zone Executive Leadership and the AHS board to ensure we are best serving our communities.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build awareness of the Council’s roles and responsibilities to the public. • Gather community input, validate it, and provide challenges and opportunities in each Council member's area to the AHS local leadership and AHS Board. • Provide opportunities for AHS to work with Council members to share information about AHS healthcare programs and services with communities. • Provide input to healthcare programs, services, or emerging initiatives of AHS. 	
Topic	Priorities and Commitments	Tracking
Addiction and Mental Health	<p>Council acknowledges the efforts AHS has made and the initiatives it has implemented to improve Addiction and Mental Health Services across our region.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with local groups to address the needs of our communities. • Partner with school boards, and parent groups to share information on resources available. • Engagement session for the youth to share/have a conversation on emerging mental health topics (i.e., cyberbullying, self-harm, loneliness). • Partner with AHS Addiction and Mental Health to learn more about the opioid crisis and addictions resources initiatives available to Albertans and provide an informed retroaction of those services as necessary. • Increase awareness/knowledge and create opportunities to share the provincial post-COVID rehabilitation services available within the community. • Stay connected on developments related to COVID and support ongoing community awareness. • Increase knowledge of targeted communities about mental health treatments centres available within the Council area. 	ongoing basis



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase knowledge about the referral process to access mental health services available within the Council area. 	
Seniors and Continuing Care	<p>Council has identified that Seniors and Continuing Care (SCC) services as a priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with AHS Seniors & Continuing Care (SCC)/home care/other local groups. Present on senior's safety at home, fall prevention, etc. • Increase knowledge about paramedicine programs available within the Council area. • Increase knowledge about the referral process to access paramedicine programs available within the Council area. • Work with SCC partners to hear what new initiatives are being developed/implemented to enhance the quality of care and care for seniors. • Learn more about seniors housing, affordability, and continuity of care. • Explore evidence-based information regarding the appropriate use of anti-psychotics within Albertan senior's care centres. 	ongoing basis
Racial and cultural minority access to health services.	<p>Council believes, based on engagement in 2019-20 that racially and culturally diverse people often have unequal access to healthcare services, often based on language barriers.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further explore this belief by collaborating with targeted community groups to learn more about perceived barriers to health care services (i.e., inner city community groups, and multicultural health care brokers' community groups) and to share those learnings with Zone leadership. • Where barriers are identified, collaborate with community to identify possible solutions to improve access to mental health resources available within the Council area. • Through this work, Council will enhance the knowledge and understanding of challenges faced by some Albertans and share that understanding with AHS Zone leadership with a goal to support improvement. • Build awareness among Council membership of any programs or services available specifically for diverse populations within the Council area. 	ongoing basis



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Engage stakeholders within the Edmonton Zone to raise awareness about AHS initiatives to facilitate access to mental health services for Albertans who experience transgenerational trauma and mental and substance use disorders.• Continue to explore with AHS Zone leadership opportunities to break down language barriers to improve access for English-as-a-Second Language Albertans. | |
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