



Prairie Mountain Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 17, 2022 /5:30 – 8:30 p.m. / Location: Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
Members	Linda Humphreys (Chair), Judy Walbridge (Vice Chair), Lea Caplan, Tawanda Chiremba, Kira Daly, Kieran Dowling, Jay Raymundo, Laura Smith, Vincent Yellow Old Woman
AHS	Lori Anderson, Dr. Mark Anselmo, JoAnn Beckie, Katherine Morgan-Litke, Christine Osunde
Regrets	Linda Elobuike, Joyce McCoy, Anton Ovtchinnikov, Sukhmani Saina
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Welcome & Introductions	Linda Humphreys welcomed all in attendance and provided a land acknowledgment. Vincent Yellow Old Woman said a blessing for the meeting.
Approval of previous minutes	The September 22, 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
Action items from previous meeting	<p>Action items from the September 22, 2022 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine to send Dr. Laura McDougall any follow up feedback from the presentation on Healthier Together. (COMPLETE)
PMHAC Commitments	<p>Working group leads provided an update on working group commitment discussions:</p> <p>Council identified six health priority areas to focus on. Over the past six months, members had discussions with AHS staff in each of these areas. They used a standard set of questions and have produced a report that will help more accurately reflect both the needs of the community and the constraints, available resources, and services of AHS in the current environment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous Health: Linda Humphreys & Vincent Yellow Old Woman Enhancing Care in the Community: Jay Raymundo, Kira Daly & Tawanda Chiremba Enhancing Relationships in Community Health: Kieran Dowling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Helpers program AMH AHS - Banff and Area - Community Helpers Program Alberta Health Services Rural Health: Laura Smith & Lea Caplan Seniors and Continuing Care: Judy Walbridge



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addictions and Mental Health: Judy Walbridge
Action Item(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calgary Zone leadership to invite PMHAC to the Indigenous Health Committee Engagement once work gets underway. • Jay Raymundo to connect with Dr. Laura McDougall about the Healthier Together program in Airdrie. • Council Chair to combine Enhancing Care in the Community & Enhancing Relationships in Community Health. • Christine to invite Scott Holland to a meeting in 2023 to speak about rural health.
Alberta Health Services Zone Update	<p>Lori Anderson, Chief Zone Officer, Calgary Zone, and Dr. Mark Anselmo, Calgary Zone Medical Director provided a written report on the following:</p> <p>Capacity & System Flow - Fall/Winter Surge Planning - Staffing and space is being modified at the Alberta Children’s Hospital (ACH) in order to support the pediatric intensive care unit, mental health and surge of respiratory illness.</p> <p>The new Child and Adolescent Addiction and Mental Health Psychiatry Program opens in 2023. Psychiatric emergency services will be provided 24/7 at all urban acute care emergency departments including ACH.</p> <p>Continuing care is adding approximately 100 mental health spaces for supportive living and Long-Term Care.</p> <p>Alberta Surgical Initiative (ASI) - Surgical Waitlist Management - Approximately 143,000 surgeries have been completed in the 2022/23 fiscal year.</p> <p>Connect Care Launch - On November 6, 2022, Connect Care launched at the Foothills Medical Centre, Richmond Road Diagnostic Treatment Centre, Alberta Kidney Care, Pharmacy and Cancer Care.</p> <p>Rural Initiatives & Engagement - Hosted by Health Minister Jason Copping in partnership with AHS leadership and the former AHS Board, engagement sessions were held in Calgary on September 26 and 27, 2022 generating significant conversation about workforce successes and challenges.</p>



	<p>Workforce Recruitment & Retention - AHS is developing a Nursing Workforce Strategy to identify actions to address challenges and opportunities with the nursing workforce.</p> <p>Flu Immunization Information: Immunization: Influenza & COVID-19 Alberta Health Services</p>
<p>Voices of the Community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both the Connect Care presentation and the Calgary Zone Leadership update was very informative.
<p>Council Round Table</p>	<p>The following was shared by Council members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lots of passion shown by Council members during this meeting and it's very appreciated. • Addiction and mental health accessibility has been getting positive reviews. • November is Inflammatory Bowel Disease Month.
<p>Community Partners</p>	<p>Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) provided a written report that was included in the meeting package.</p> <p>December 15, 2022 – Nurse Practitioners Association of Alberta (NPAA). The NPAA made recommendations to the Alberta Government re nurse practitioner's role in the primary health care continuum, with the intent to improve primary care access to rural Alberta.</p> <p>January 19, 2023 - Positioning for Future Readiness - Campus for Communities This session will provide five key strategies for ensuring future readiness.</p> <p>February 16, 2023 - Alberta Hospice Palliative Care Association (AHPCA) Learn about AHPCA's province-wide programs for adults living with a terminal illness, adults seeking grief support, and palliative care training workshops.</p> <p>March 16, 2023 - Land Acknowledgements: What are they and why are they important?</p>



Report from the Chair	<p>Linda Humphreys, Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended an informative Primary Care Network (PCN) session. • Contacted College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) to get information on the process for hiring foreign health care workers. • Council of Chairs has been asked to provide input into (MAPS) Modernizing Primary Health Care.
Coordinator Update	<p>Christine Osunde, Advisory Council Coordinator provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foothills Medical Centre Over Capacity brochure will be shared with Council with a request for feedback to be provided.
NEW BUSINESS	
Presentation(s)	<p>Connect Care within the Calgary Zone - JoAnn Beckie, Executive Director - Surgical Services & Allied Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided an overview of Connect Care Alberta Health Services in Calgary Zone. • Provided an overview of MyAHS Connect - Login Page (albertahealthservices.ca)
Action Item(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine to share the presentation and one pager on Connect Care with registrants. • Linda to follow up on a presentation from CPSA.
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date: Thursday, February 23, 2023 Time: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Location: Online via Zoom. Contact prairiemountain@ahs.ca for details.</p>

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