



## Tamarack Health Advisory Council Commitments 2023 - 2026

Topic	Commitment
<p><b>Access to specific services:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Addiction</b></li> <li>• <b>Mental health</b></li> <li>• <b>Surgery</b></li> </ul>	<p>Tamarack Health Advisory Council (HAC) endeavors to gain better understanding of access to AHS services; specifically: addiction, mental health and surgical services. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host information session(s) where public are invited to learn about:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ what is available locally; where; what requires distance?</li> <li>○ steps/ how-to access services?</li> <li>○ steps to prepare while waiting to access services.</li> <li>○ sharing of firsthand (patient) stories.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Health Professional Workforce</b></p>	<p>Tamarack HAC seeks to understand and build awareness about health profession staffing in the HAC area. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partner with Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) to host an information session on the process of attracting health professionals to rural areas.</li> <li>• Share information from AHS on current physician recruitment efforts with member networks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Prevention and Healthy Living</b></p>	<p>Council recognizes the importance of personal accountability in one's healthcare journey. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Learn about options available to patients awaiting surgery (supports available; gaps; et al.).</li> <li>• Learn about programs and services available for youth – healthy eating; cyber awareness, screen time, et al. (how to access programs/ registration)</li> <li>• Learn about services available to address chronic disease management.</li> <li>• Share learned information among their networks.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Connection with Community Services</b></p>	<p>Council recognizes many community organizations provide supplemental health-related services and would like to learn more about them, where there are linkages with AHS, and share this with their networks. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Build internal awareness of alignment between AHS, community organizations and government programs providing health-related services by inviting various groups to present to Council.</li> <li>• Host an information session with a panel of AHS, community and government organizations outlining the scope of their work and how they are aligned.</li> </ul>