



Oldman River Health Advisory Council Commitments and Priorities 2022 - 2023

Goals		
Advisory Council Goals	<p>Council will receive regular updates and 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 your Council area to the AHS local leadership and AHS Board. • Provide opportunities for AHS to work with Councils to share information about AHS healthcare programs and services with communities. • Provide input to healthcare programs, services or emerging initiatives. 	
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 or organizations providing health services to the community. • Partner with the AHS Addiction and Mental Health (AMH) portfolio to host a community event to listen to the community; create awareness of the HAC; provide opportunities to engage with and gather public feedback about health services; and use Together4Health to follow up with attendees and gather input. • Assist AHS South Zone AMH to share information on the opioid crisis and addiction resources. Ensure proper consultation and assessment of opioid addiction and self-medication is acknowledged as part of the crisis. 	Ongoing



<p>Seniors and Continuing Care</p>	<p>Council has identified that Seniors and Continuing Care (SCC) services as a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with the AHS Seniors Health portfolio or SCC to host a community event to listen to the community; create awareness of the HAC; provide opportunities to engage with and gather public feedback about health services; and invite outside agencies to partner in presentation; Use Together4Health to follow up with attendees and gather input. • Partner with AHS SCC/ home care/ other local groups. Present on senior's safety at home, fall prevention, personal end-of-life directives, etc. • Ensure access and awareness of AHS and community provided preventative services centered on social networking, nutrition, cognitive exercises, and physical exercise both in person and online. • Establish and build relationships with rural community organization who are reaching out to seniors about healthcare. • Invite Seniors Health to a meeting to find out more about: AHS actions to promote Green Sleeves. (How can HACs support?) 	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Rural Health</p>	<p>Council has identified that Rural Health services as a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with municipalities and raise awareness for farm safety. • Partner with AHS and the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) on mental health services offered in rural areas. • Partner with Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) and Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to promote local resources. • AHS provided options for enhanced non-emergent transportation for seniors to medical appointments. Transportation to medically necessary services if they do not drive. Encouraging leadership to develop programs that work in all of the surrounding communities. • Learn about the new Rural Mental Health Project sponsored by CMHA and Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) offices in the Council area. 	<p>Ongoing</p>



<p>Indigenous Health</p>	<p>Council has identified that Indigenous Health is a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of “Land Acknowledgment” in all meeting and events. • Annual training on awareness of the importance of the, “Indigenous Land Acknowledgement”. • Reconciliation efforts. • Continue accessing training opportunities around Indigenous supports provided through AHS Community Engagement and zone leadership. • Access Indigenous awareness and sensitivity training provided publicly. 	<p>Ongoing</p>
<p>Virtual Health</p>	<p>Council has identified that Virtual Health is a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to understand the benefits, challenges and supports available to access virtual health for seniors and others in the community. • Inquire about public access to technology for virtual medical appointments. 	<p>Ongoing</p>