



Palliser Triangle 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 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 our 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. • Host a community engagement event to share information and gather community input on one topic that aligns with the Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Councils priorities and commitments. • Inclusion of “Land Acknowledgment” in all meetings and events. 	
Topic	Priorities and Commitments	Tracking
Addiction and Mental Health	<p>Council has identified access to Mental Health and Wellness supports and services as a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request involvement in regional service planning for Addiction and Mental Health services. • Partner with AHS Addiction and Mental Health to share information on the opioid crisis and addiction resources. • Seek to better understand the service relationship between AHS and local groups supporting mental health and addictions. 	Ongoing
Seniors Health and Continuing Care	<p>Council has identified Seniors and Continuing Care services as a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p>	Ongoing



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request the opportunity to participate in regional service planning. • Seek to better understand what types of training is available to seniors and continuing care staff, particularly in dementia care, and provide advice to AHS leadership on where the community perceived gaps or inadequacies in training or where the community sees successes that should be celebrated and/or replicated. • Seek information on AHS programs and initiatives, and community stakeholders, supporting seniors health in the zone and sharing with the broader community. 	
Rural Health	<p>Council has identified access to health services in rural areas as a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) and Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to promote local resources, retention and recruitment of physicians and general health professionals who provide services in the Council area. • Ensure the availability of virtual health services to rural patients. 	Ongoing
Communication	<p>Council has identified communication with the public and AHS as an important area.</p> <p>Council commits to working with AHS and South Zone to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the readability and brevity of public information by providing advice on where specialized medical terminology and nomenclature can create a barrier to understanding. • Provide input and advice to improve the ease of online navigation and to increase the amount of local/regional information online. 	Ongoing
Enhancing Care in the Community	<p>Council has identified enhancing care in the community a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn about and share information on youth initiatives pertaining to mental health. • Assist in providing awareness and education about healthcare services to Indigenous populations and new Canadians in the area. 	Ongoing