



Peace Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

September 26, 2023 /6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. / Dunvegan Inn Meeting Room – Fairview – Hybrid

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
Members	Barry Yaehne (Chair), Carla Day, Jennifer Hamilton, and Yvonne Rempel
AHS	Jo Blakley, Deanna Dament, Candice Edey, and Susan Smith
Regrets	Marc Boychuk, Charlene Cavers (Vice-Chair), Gladys Blackmore, Jancey Dolen, Karen Egge, Maurissa Heitland, Murray Capon, Samuel Elkins, Krista Schuett, Carol Van Slyke
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Welcome & Introductions	Barry welcomed all in attendance and went through introductions and provided a land acknowledgment and housekeeping.
Approval of previous minutes	Tuesday, June 14, 2023, minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
Action items from previous meeting	<p>Action items from the June 14, 2023, meeting have been completed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Candice Edey to respond to Donna Burchinski’s concern with the Valleyview Lodge during then evacuation process. ✓ Candice Edey to respond to J. Andersons question regarding what is or is there a policy in place with respect to any requirement for covid vaccination to receive medical treatment, including transplants.
PRESENTATION:	<p>Tyla Savard – Business Development Specialist</p> <p>Tyla gave an overview of what Ballad Consulting Group does, how it is associated with Alberta Health Services (AHS) and highlighted on the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Moms Stop the Harm - programming across Canada to support those who have lost a loved one to substance use harms or have a loved one struggling or working on their recovery. ● Ballad Group – includes life skill building, attaining tickets and hands on learning in hospitality and construction. All free and can be self-referred. ● Opioid Response Task Force.
Alberta Health Services Zone Update	<p>North Zone Update – Candice Edey, Senior Operating Officer- North Zone Area 9, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Workforce News - Nursing student placements: several placements have been arranged for Fall 2023. Three fourth year nursing student placements with Grande Prairie Regional Hospital (GPRH) Inpatient Psychiatry, and one placement with the Grande Prairie Addiction and Mental Health Crisis Response Team, are just a few.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fairview Acute Care Palliative Rooms - Fairview Health Foundation funded renovations for two palliative care rooms in acute care and have completed the design phase; the project is out for tender. • Major Events and Initiatives - Wildfire response: evacuation efforts were supported throughout the Zone. AHS offered support through provision of resources and in-person supports to wildfire evacuees. Success in navigating and building partnerships has supported the ability to ensure the best use of resources for everyone involved in supporting the health needs of the evacuees. • Leadership Development - Area 9 continues to host Leadership Development sessions two plus times a year to grow the leadership team and ensure they have resources and supports needed to lead teams efficiently. • Staff, Physician & Volunteer Appreciation - Area 9 held an appreciation BBQ in July to show appreciation to AHS dedicated personnel and celebrated their dedication to healthcare. • ICU Open House – GPRH held an internal open house in August to allow staff to meet the ICU team and discover the world of critical care. • Enhancing Access to Public Health Services in Rural Communities throughout the North - Earlier this year, TELUS Health for Good, and Radius Community Health & Healing provided a fully equipped medical van to help bring healthcare to remote communities and wildfire evacuees in northern Alberta. To see the official AHS post on Instagram visit : TELUS Health for Good and Radius Community Health & Healing - Medical Van • Seniors Health – Palliative Care Team - The Palliative Care Team (PCT) continues to experience increased numbers of new referrals. The PCT received 143 referrals in June 2023 and 96 referrals in July 2023. The team also continues to receive requests for Rural Palliative In-Home Funding (RPIHF), with one new request in June and two new requests in July, highlighting that clients continue to request the option to palliate at home.
<p>Physician Resource Planner, North Zone</p>	<p>Physician Recruitment Update – Susan Smith, Physician Resource Planner, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan submitted a physician recruitment update that was sent to members in their package. Highlights include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recruitment target – 37; incoming – 19; hopefuls – 7 ○ New physicians in 2023 (working) - 16 new physicians working as of Jan 1, 2023 • Walk-In Clinic ER Wait Times • Find a Doctor, Community Profiles, Health Link Dial 811 • Grande Prairie Primary Care Network (PCN)



Community Partners	<p>Holly Handfield, Rural Community Consultant with Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP), shared updates with Council. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On October 10 – a virtual conversation geared toward high school students was held. The “How Do I Get There? Nursing Careers” series will walk students through various roles within the nursing profession, post-secondary experience and how to secure employment once they have graduated. • Host the 2024 RhPAP Conference – for more information visit: 2024 Conference. • Visit the events page periodically for registration and details on upcoming sessions as they are added: RhPAP Events.
Report from Chair	<p>Barry Yaehne thanked everyone for attending and acknowledged healthcare professionals during the wildfires for their hard work and commitment. The recruitment of a vice chair is needed with the resignation of Charlene Caver, and that he and Jo will work together to have this position filled.</p>
Report from Advisory Council Coordinator Update	<p>Jo Blakley shared information on the upcoming October Learning Series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Link 811 - Wednesday, October 11 @ 12 – 1 p.m. • AHS Leadership Update - Wednesday, October 18 @ 6-7:30 p.m. • Community Engagement 101 - Wednesday, October 25 @ 6-7:30 p.m. • Building Trust - Session #1 - Monday, October 30 @ 12-1:30 p.m. OR Session #2 - Monday, November 6 @ 12-1:30 p.m. • Deanna Dament, who will collaborate with Council as a Coordinator in the new year, introduced herself to the Council.
Voices of the Community	<p>Fairview community members expressed concern on the inability to keep doctors and nurses in Fairview. Candice Edey addressed their questions as well as spoke on the Practice Preparation for Internationally Educated Nurses course that is available at the Northwestern Polytechnic in Grande Prairie.</p>
Action Item (s)	<p>Jo to work with Barry on getting a vice chair in place.</p>
Council Round Table	<p>Chair Barry canvassed members for round table input and there was nothing new to share.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2024 Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Location: Virtual – ZOOM</p>