



Prairie Mountain Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2024 / 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
Members	Laura Smith (Chair), Linda Elobuike (Vice Chair), Josephine Adda, Lea Caplan, Tawanda Chiremba, Joyce McCoy, Jay Raymundo, Judy Walbridge
AHS	Lori Anderson Christine Osunde, Nick Thain
Regrets	Kieran Dowling, Linda Humphreys, Anton Ovtchinnikov, Vincent Yellow Old Woman
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Welcome & Introductions	Chair, Laura Smith, welcomed all in attendance and provided a land acknowledgment. Vice Chair Linda Elobuike addressed housekeeping.
Approval of previous minutes	November 2, 2023, minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
Action items from previous meeting	<p>Action items from the November 2, 2023, meeting:</p> <p>Christine to share the following links with Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MyAHS Connect - Login Page (albertahealthservices.ca) (Complete) • Connect Care Patient Portal – MyAHS Connect Connect Care helps Alberta Health Services (AHS) provide better care to patients and families. (Complete)
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>Refocusing the healthcare system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On November 8, the Government of Alberta (GOA) announced plans to refocus the healthcare system. These plans include goals to improve patient care and service delivery and to empower healthcare workers. These changes will focus on the priority sectors of primary care, acute care, continuing care and mental health and addiction.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Calgary Zone continues to focus on targets related to GOA and AHS key priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decreasing emergency department wait times • Reducing emergency medical services (EMS) response times • Improving patient flow and continuity of care • Reducing surgery wait times. • On November 5, the seventh launch of Connect Care was successfully implemented to sites in the North and South Zone, as well as to pharmacy and diagnostic imaging and Alberta Precision Labs. • The Calgary Zone Health Care Plan community engagement rollout was set to begin in November; however, due to recent government announcements it is paused. Engagement will proceed with internal/acute care planning discussions. Planning is underway to begin focused conversations with zone leaders and stakeholders early in the new year. • After 18 months of construction the newly renovated Stoney Health Centre officially opened on November 22. • New AHS Board - On November 8, the Minister of Health appointed a new AHS Board to refocus Alberta Health Services as the province transitions the healthcare system. Dr. Lyle Oberg was appointed AHS Executive Board Chair. Additional AHS board members include Sandy Edmonstone (Vice-Chair), Cynthia Farmer, Angela Fong, Paul George Haggis, Evan Romanow and Andre Tremblay. • On December 11, Athana Mentzelopoulos became the new AHS President and CEO. • Lori Anderson, Chief Zone Officer is retiring effective April 1, 2024. <p>Nick Thain, Senior Operating Officer, provided an update on the Calgary Zone Indigenous Health Action Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Support Line: Call toll free: 1-844-944-4744 • The Calgary Zone Indigenous Health Action Plan Alberta Health Services
<p>Community Partners</p>	<p>Alicia Fox, RhPAP Consultant - Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP), provided a written report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RhPAP has virtual learning opportunities and events available for rural community members and healthcare providers. • Nominate Your Community Health-care Hero: The RhPAP Rhapsody award nominations are open starting January 4. Do you have an amazing health provider or team in your community that goes above and beyond? Consider nominating them for one of the 2024 Rhapsody Awards. More information and nomination submissions available here: Rhapsody Awards



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the Date - Rural Community Health Provider Attraction and Retention Conference RhPAP is excited to announce the Town of Wainwright will host the biannual Rural Community Health Provider Attraction and Retention (A&R) Conference October 8 to 10, 2024.
<p>Council Round Table</p>	<p>The following was shared by Council members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update was provided on the Primary Care Network (PCN) Committee current initiatives. • A member assisted a family looking for end-of-life care and cultural practices that are allowed. The family was able to advocate for themselves and make a request resulting in a good experience during a difficult time. • The Minister of Health recently toured the Airdrie Clinic and will tour again in a few weeks. It hopes to receive provincial funding to make needed improvements to the building and services. • The Town of High River recently bought a building to assist doctors to relocate locally. This will eliminate the barrier of having to become property owners.
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>	
<p>Presentation(s)</p>	<p>Home to Hospital, Hospital to Home Program (H2H2H) Presenter(s): Kizzann Sammy, Senior Consultant, Calgary and area Primary Care Networks and Jo Kwan, Manager of the Zone’s Coordinated Attachment Hub</p> <p>The H2H2H team shared information on the Hospital to Home, Home to Hospital program, as well as the Navigation Coordinator Pilot program. They discussed how PCNs are working together to ensure the patient has a positive experience.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Home to Hospital to Home Transitions Alberta Health Services • Get Health System Information in Your Language Alberta Health Services
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Date: Thursday, Mar 14, 2024 Time: 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Location: Zoom Contact community.engagement@ahs.ca for details.</p>



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