



Tamarack 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 each Council member's 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 an AHS Addiction and Mental Health portfolio to host a community event to listen to the community, create awareness of the HAC, provide opportunities to engage public and gather feedback about health services, and use Together4Health to follow up with attendees and gather input. • Partner with AHS Addiction and Mental Health to share information on the opioid crisis and addiction resources. • Partner with local groups to address the needs of our communities. • Learn about the new Rural Mental Health Project sponsored by Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) and Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) offices in the Council area. • Partner with AHS Addiction and Mental Health to share information on mental health resources including current capacity challenges in emergency mental health services. 	Ongoing



Seniors and Continuing Care	<p>Council has identified that Seniors and Continuing Care services as a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with an AHS Seniors Health 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 invite outside agencies to partner in presentations, use Together4Health to follow up with attendees and gather input. • Partner with AHS Seniors & Continuing Care/home care/other local groups to present on senior's safety at home, fall prevention, etc. 	Spring 2023
Rural Health	<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 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. 	Fall 2022
Public Health	<p>Council has identified Public Health services as a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist AHS with pandemic recovery – reinforce public health guidelines and vaccination benefits. Stress importance of stopping the spread of misinformation. • Share public health resources available with community. • Partner with AHS Population and Public Health and a local Medical Officer of Health to host a community event on immunizations, listening 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. 	Ongoing