



## Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 20, 2023/ 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. / Northern Lights Regional Health Centre – Boardroom/Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
<b>Members</b>	Sonia Burke-Smith (Vice Chair), Evelyn Okoh, Carol Theberge
<b>AHS</b>	Nicole Allan, Melony Cole- Zettler, Logan Clow, Jordanna Lambert
<b>Regrets</b>	Todd Hillier (Chair), Patience Akenbor, Christine Alexander, Jennifer Best, Sandy Grandison, Tinna Ezekiel, Natalie Gentili, Ashley Makey, Evelyn Okoh, Ken Okwonkwo, Melinda Stewart, Beverley Tupper, Breanna Wallace
<b>Public</b>	0
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Sonia welcomed all in attendance and went through introductions.
<b>Approval of previous minutes</b>	April 26, 2023, minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
<b>Alberta Health Services Area 10 Update</b>	<p><b>Jordanna Lambert, Senior Operating Officer</b>, provided a written report with information about workforce recruitment, capital projects, major events and initiatives specific to the local area. She also provided highlights from the North Zone Operational Plan and performance measures and initiatives.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Launch 7 of Connect Care occurs in November, impacting North and South Zones including Northern Lights Regional Health Centre (NLRHC) in Fort McMurray.</li> <li>• On August 29, a teepee at the NLRHC was raised, with new poles and a freshly painted canvas by a local artist. Elder Robert Cree conducted a ceremony and blessing.</li> <li>• North Zone AHS teams supported various wildfire evacuees over the summer; reception centers, hospitals and at Willow Square Continuing Care Centre.</li> <li>• North Zone’s infectious syphilis rate is twice the provincial average at 144.1 per 100,000 (the provincial case rate is 73.2; the national case rate is 30).</li> <li>• Fort McMurray Community Health Centre achieved a community Baby Friendly Designation through the Breastfeeding Committee of Canada (BCC). This recognition symbolizes 10 years of hard work and dedication by the community and the Fort McMurray Public Health team to protecting, promoting and supporting breastfeeding.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On September 13 and 14, various community teams partnered in the “Wellness Connect RMWB” health fair.</li> <li>• Completion of minimally invasive suites (foundation funded) will be completed by the end of October. These suites support minor surgeries and assist in faster healing times for patients.</li> <li>• Home care clinic renovations at the Thickwood Medical Plaza have commenced, with the help of foundation funding. This service allows mobile patients who need homecare services to come to the clinic for treatment.</li> <li>• The pediatric sensory room is open for pediatric patients that require sensory therapy.</li> <li>• Lobby renovations will commence in November and are slated to finish around April.</li> <li>• A staff wellness space will be completed in the next couple weeks.</li> <li>• Building upgrades for medical gas and vacuum/suction are also complete.</li> <li>• Call for help to preserve the mural in Northern Lights Regional Health Centre.</li> </ul> <p><u>Questions and Comments:</u></p> <p><b>Jordanna asked for help to preserve the mural in NLRHC, if the HAC has any connections.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sonia and Jordanna conversed about preservation of the ceramic mural in the NLRHC. Sonia will connect with her contacts to inquire if someone is willing to look at the mural.</li> </ul> <p><b>Is there a possibility of having local art displayed in the NLRHC?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sonia and Jordanna to discuss the possibility of featuring local artists.</li> </ul>
<b>Voices of the Community</b>	No voices from the public.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>Action Items:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jordanna and Sonia to connect to explore possibilities of having local art displayed in the NLRNC.</li> <li>• Jordanna and Sonia to connect to explore local connections to preserve the mural at NLRHC.</li> </ul>
<b>Date of Next Event</b>	Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2023 Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Zoom Contact: <a href="mailto:WoodBuffalo@ahs.ca">WoodBuffalo@ahs.ca</a> for details



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