



Cancer Provincial Advisory Council Commitments and Priorities 2021 - 2023

Goals		
Provincial Advisory Council Goals	<p>The Council will receive regular updates and overview of progress from the Provincial Executive Leadership and the AHS Board to ensure we are best serving our cancer patients, caregivers, and their families.</p> <p>The Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build awareness of the Council’s roles and responsibilities to the public. • Provide a vehicle for patients, families, and communities to identify existing and emerging cancer healthcare issues that can be shared with AHS program leadership and AHS Board. • Provide opportunities for AHS to work with the Council to share information about AHS cancer services and programs with communities. • Provide advice to AHS on ways to improve quality, access and sustainability of cancer services in Alberta. 	
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Information Sharing	<p>The Cancer Provincial Advisory Council has a role to provide and share information through each member’s respective networks. As such, the Council commits to share information including but not limited to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote ongoing AHS cancer campaigns, such as “listen to your body”, encouraging and bringing awareness of regular cancer screening (e.g. FIT testing) by expanding and extending the reach of the campaign through social media and other virtual means until other in-person opportunities open up. • Share resources (i.e., posters) through our networks. • To support and act as a liaison for local cancer care initiatives in our communities that can improve the lives of those affected by cancer. Support community-driven initiatives/ideas. • Commit to sharing information by presenting to Health Advisory Councils, Provincial Advisory Councils and Wisdom Council (i.e., joint session or invite AMH PAC to Cancer PAC meeting), addressing misinformation and speaking to the evidence-informed science. 	2021-2023



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting Albertans living with cancer by sharing information on how to navigate the system and get the information they need. • Share and promote resources for those transitioning from Cancer Care Alberta (i.e., youth to adult system, acute to community treatment, shift to palliative care) 	
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Engagement	<p>The Cancer Provincial Advisory Council membership recognizes that while they do their best to represent Albertans living with cancer, bringing more voices to the conversation is important. The Council commits to engaging Albertans by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bringing the community voice back to Cancer Care Alberta, potentially through partnership engagement opportunities with Health Advisory Councils. • Building trust, cultural safety for Indigenous and other population groups living with cancer. • Engage other Advisory Councils to seek community-based information and ideas. • Being available to support cancer care engagement on key initiatives and services. • Identifying opportunities to engage Albertans on topics such as the financial, psychosocial, and caregiver’s needs, etc. that contribute to quality of life. (i.e., partnership / connection with agencies such as Wellspring). • Engage Albertans in conversation on emerging issues or opportunities (i.e., opening of the Calgary Cancer Centre). 	2021-2023
Advisory	<p>As a voice for Albertans living with cancer and for those who may one day be diagnosed with cancer, members of the Cancer PAC commit to make a difference and improve the experience of Albertans by seeking opportunities to provide advice. The Council will contribute by bringing forward concerns and questions, identifying gaps, and providing advice on improvement opportunities. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek to understand the journey through cancer care and provide input based on lived experience. • Seek to understand how Cancer Care Alberta hears from patients and measures quality of care (i.e., patient-reported outcomes, patient surveys, etc.). • Provide input into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ New initiatives, programs, and services as appropriate and with evidence informed data. ○ Standards of care. ○ Access for all Albertans as close to home as possible. 	2021-2023



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Access to information and resources outside of urban areas. 	
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Council Effectiveness	<p>The Cancer PAC commits to self-assessment and continuing improvement by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seeking and identifying opportunities to provide input to Cancer Care Alberta through discussions between the PAC Chair, membership, and AHS leadership. ● Completing surveys following Council regular meetings, either electronically or in person. ● Attending meetings regularly and providing updates on activity between meetings. ● Participating in the annual Advisory Council satisfaction survey. ● Attending the Advisory Council Annual Forum. ● Asking for feedback on how Cancer PACs input is incorporated or has been used by AHS and Cancer Care Alberta. ● Holding effective and efficient meetings that respect the agenda timeline and the time made by members. 	2021-2023