



## Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council Commitments 2023 - 2026

Topic	Commitment
<b>Workforce</b>	<p>The Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council (YEHAC) recognizes there are challenges attracting and retaining health professionals to Central Zone’s rural areas. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect with Alberta Health Services (AHS) workforce teams and external governing bodies (where applicable) to present on reasons for, and barriers to staffing recruitment.</li> <li>• Hold a panel discussion with experts about the strategies AHS, professional associations like the Alberta Medical Association (AMA), College of Physician and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) and Rural Health Professional Action Plan (RhPAP) are implementing to attract doctors, nurses and other healthcare workers and the stopgaps being implemented in the zone.</li> <li>• Invite post-secondary schools to present on healthcare programs they offer in rural communities and the process students must go through to complete training.</li> </ul>
<b>Seniors</b>	<p>The YEHAC is aware of the growing population of seniors in the Central Zone and are interested in learning more about various timely topics. Council commits to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold information sessions and afterwards spread the information obtained throughout their networks on the following topics:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Dementia care and respite for care providers available in the Central Zone.</li> <li>○ Aging in place.</li> <li>○ Home care.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Access</b>	<p>The YEHAC recognizes navigating the healthcare system is a challenge. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invite speakers to present on healthcare navigation, 811 and how 911 and 811 are working together.</li> <li>• Partner with non-profit and community organizations such as Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) to host an information session on various services and resources available to the community.</li> </ul>