



## Addiction & Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council Commitments and Priorities 2023 – 2026

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<b>Broaden Awareness</b>	<p><b>AMH PAC members commit to sharing their lived experiences with AHS to improve addiction and mental health awareness, education and prevention initiatives. Council commits to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide perspectives on awareness, education and prevention from each person’s experience (e.g., peer-to-peer, parent-to-parent).</li> <li>• Provide community perspectives on inclusive language to AHS.</li> <li>• Champion the goal of having addiction and mental healthcare recognized as an integral part of the Recovery - Oriented Systems of Care of healthcare.</li> <li>• Champion improved access to, and availability of, publicly-funded community-based addiction and mental health services and supports.</li> <li>• Use the lived experiences of members to shift the narrative on addictions and mental health concerns, address stigmatizing policies and procedures, and promote trauma-informed care within AHS.</li> </ul>
<b>Diversity</b>	<p><b>The AMH PAC recognizes the importance of the diversity of individuals’ identities, current situations, and life experiences and will use this awareness to inform our advisory work. Council commits to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the perspectives that are represented by the AMH PAC, including identifying gaps in Council membership, and targeting our recruitment as appropriate.</li> <li>• In our advisory work, emphasize the importance of providing services that promote equity and that allow all residents of Alberta to access care in settings that are appropriate for their needs, and to feel safe and supported.</li> <li>• Increase connections, information exchange, and presentations between the AMH PAC and other groups (including other HACs/PACs, AHS bodies, community organizations, and other partners), to improve our knowledge and awareness of differences in that area, and breadth of, community needs, and to share information.</li> </ul>

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<b>Relationship Building</b>	<p><b>The AMH PAC will support development and maintenance of relationships to collaborate on efforts and share information and messaging. We will do our best to raise awareness of addictions and mental health services to increase overall community knowledge and serve as a liaison between community and AHS. Council commits to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in and provide input to AHS projects and initiatives and support AMH teams, both provincial and zones.</li> <li>• Participate, engage, and where appropriate, collaborate with other AHS Advisory Councils to work together.</li> <li>• Gain insight at the community level and share to increase Council member knowledge of addictions and mental health programs and supports.</li> </ul>
<b>Recovery-oriented Systems of Care</b>	<p><b>AMH PAC will support the implementation of the Recovery-Oriented Systems of Care in collaboration with Alberta Health Services and other partners and stakeholders of AHS. Council commits to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AMH PAC will support the vision for recovery in Alberta for all Albertans with mental health and addictions concerns and issues to be effectively supported in their personal journeys towards recovery by integrated whole of community recovery-oriented systems of care that are easily accessible when needed.</li> </ul>