



Oldman River Health Advisory Council Commitments and Priorities 2021 - 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. • Resume In-person meetings and events at various locations within communities that HAC members live in within the region where deemed safe to do so. • Continue to diversify Council by recruiting members from diverse and inclusive backgrounds or an unrepresented geographical area within the Zone. 	
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 local groups or organizations providing health services to the community. • Partner with the 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 with and gather public feedback about health services; and use Together4Health to follow up with attendees and gather input. • Assist AHS Addiction and Mental Health to share information on the opioid crisis and addiction resources. Ensure proper consultation and assessment of opioid addiction and self-medication is acknowledged as a part of the crisis. • 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. 	To be reviewed April 1, 2022



<p>Seniors and Continuing Care</p>	<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 the AHS Seniors Health portfolio or SCC 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 presentation; Use Together4Health to follow up with attendees and gather input. • Partner with AHS SCC/ home care/ other local groups. Present on senior's safety at home, fall prevention etc. • Ensure access and awareness of AHS and community provided preventative services centred on social networking, nutrition, cognitive exercises, and physical exercise both in person and online. • Establish and build relationships with rural community organization that are reaching out to seniors about health care. • Invite Seniors Health to a meeting to find out more about AHS actions to promote Green Sleeves. (How can HACs support?) 	<p>To be reviewed April 1, 2022</p>
<p>Rural Health</p>	<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. • AHS provided options for enhanced non-emergent transportation for seniors to medical appointments. Transportation to medically necessary services if they do not drive. Encouraging leadership to develop programs that work in all of the surrounding communities. • Activate community resources i.e., schools, local groups. 	<p>To be reviewed April 1, 2022</p>



<p>Indigenous Health</p>	<p>Council has identified that Indigenous Health is a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a “Land Acknowledgment” in all meeting and events and continue to build awareness through training on the importance of the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement. • Reconciliation efforts. • Continue to access training opportunities around Indigenous supports provided through Community Engagement, Zone leadership, and the AHS Indigenous Wellness Core. • Access and encourage participation in Indigenous Awareness and Sensitivity training provided publicly. 	<p>To be reviewed April 1, 2022</p>
<p>Virtual Health</p>	<p>Council has identified that Virtual Health is a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seek understanding of the benefits and challenges to virtual health that could be normalized moving forward. • Support public awareness on how to access virtual appointments, including through existing tools like Telehealth, and how to overcome technology barriers that might exist for seniors or for those with limited access to technology tools. 	<p>To be reviewed April 1, 2022</p>