



Wood Buffalo 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. 	
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 AHS Addiction and Mental Health to host a community event to listen to the community, create awareness of the HAC, provide opportunities to engage public and gather feedback about health services, and use Together4Health to follow up with attendees and gather input. • Partner with AHS Addiction and Mental Health to share information on the opioid crisis and addiction resources. • Partner with local groups to address the needs of our communities. 	Winter 2021
Seniors and Continuing Care	<p>Council has identified 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"> • Promote new aging in place facilities by supporting creation of a virtual tour and sharing the recording (link) with stakeholders. • Partner with AHS Seniors Health to host a community event to listen to the community, create awareness of the HAC, provide opportunities to engage public and 	Summer 2021



	<p>gather feedback about health services, and invite outside agencies to partner in presentation, use Together4Health to follow up with attendees and gather input.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner with AHS Health System Integration and invite Dr. Lewanczuk to present to our community on new initiatives in our area. 	
Rural Health	<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"> Extend invitations to rural municipal leaders to meetings/ events to raise awareness of the HAC. Partner with AHS to promote mental health services offered in rural areas. Partner with the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) and Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to promote resources and service delivery options in rural communities Promote opportunities for rural and indigenous communities to share resources (i.e., COVID testing and vaccination) 	Spring 2022
Public Health	<p>Council has identified Public Health services as a top priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pandemic recovery – reinforce public health guidelines and vaccination benefits; stress importance of stopping the spread of misinformation. Build awareness of public health resources available within community. Partner with AHS Population and Public Health and the local Medical Officer of Health to host a community event on immunizations, listening to the community, create awareness of the HAC, provide opportunities to engage public and gather feedback about health services, and use Together4Health to follow up with attendees and gather input. 	Ongoing