



## Oldman River Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 26, 2024 / 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
<b>Members</b>	Colleen Bianchi (Chair), Stephanie Leavitt (Vice Chair), Jacen Abrey, Barbara Boyer, Anne Michealis, Margaret Thomas, Doug Thornton
<b>AHS</b>	Andrea Ames, Robyn Barry, Marguerite Dorchak, Dr. Aaron Low, Dr. Bilal Mir, Thomas Mountain, Christine Osunde, Linda Tessman-Potvin, Gwen Wirth, Colin Zieber
<b>Regrets</b>	Jim Bennett, Rebecca Bultsma, Behnia Hooshyarkhah, Marni Hope, Tracy Oosterbroek, Virginia Ridge, Lisa Weekes
<b>Public</b>	22
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Colleen Bianchi welcomed all in attendance; Stephanie Leavitt addressed housekeeping.
<b>Approval of previous meeting summary</b>	The October 17, 2023, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
<b>Action items from previous meeting</b>	<p>All action items from the October 17, 2023, meeting are complete.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Zone leadership will follow up on the food quality concern directly with the Pincher Creek Health Care Centre and the service provider. <b>(Complete)</b></li> </ul>



<p><b>Alberta Health Services Zone Update</b></p>	<p><b>Dr. Aaron Low, South Zone Medical Director, shared the following update:</b></p> <p><b>Refocusing the healthcare system:</b> <a href="#">Refocusing health care in Alberta   Alberta.ca</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On November 8, the Government of Alberta (GOA) announced plans to refocus the healthcare system. These plans include goals to improve patient care and service delivery and to empower healthcare workers. These changes will focus on the priority sectors of primary care, acute care, continuing care and mental health and addiction.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Connect Care</a> launch eight will take place in South Zone on May 4, 2024, and launch nine is set for November 2, 2024.</li> <li>• AHS is in a deficit and south zone leadership is working to end the fiscal year in a more positive place.</li> <li>• Anesthesiologists, emergency physicians and neurology are a recruitment priority.</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Aaron Low also provided a written report that was included in the meeting package, that included an update on physician recruitment in the South Zone, West:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are several positions being recruited for and fifty active postings in the areas of: addiction and mental health, anesthesia, diagnostic imagining, family, emergency and rural medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, senior’s health, and surgery.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Partners</b></p>	<p><b>Lynsey Robinson, RhPAP Consultant - Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP), provided a written report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">RhPAP</a> has virtual learning opportunities and events available for rural community members and healthcare providers.</li> <li>• Nominate Your Community Health-care Hero: The RhPAP Rhapsody award nominations are open starting January 4. Do you have an amazing health provider or team in your community that goes above and beyond? Consider nominating them for one of the 2024 Rhapsody Awards. More information and nomination submissions available here: <a href="#">Rhapsody Awards</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Council Round Table &amp; Good News Stories</b></p>	<p><b>Council members shared the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pincher Creek has a new Alzheimer’s support group.</li> <li>• Crowsnest Pass is having challenges with nursing staff shortages.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Milk River community members are happy that there are now two doctors in the community.</li> </ul>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>Presentation(s)</b>	<p><a href="#">Connect Care</a></p> <p><b>Presenter(s):</b> Marguerite Dorchak, Director Emergency/Ambulatory Care - Chinook Regional Hospital          Andrea Ames, Senior Implementation Lead - Connect Care South Zone          Robyn Barry, Senior Implementation Lead - Connect Care South Zone</p> <p>An overview and presentation were provided of the launch of Connect Care in the zone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">A Connect Care Patient Story — Julia - YouTube</a></li> <li><a href="https://myhealth.alberta.ca">MyHealth.Alberta.ca</a></li> <li><a href="#">MyAHS Connect Proxy Access   Alberta Health Services</a></li> </ul>
<b>Presentation(s)</b>	<p><b>Milk River Attraction and Retention Committee</b></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b> Scott MacCumber, Chairperson of the Milk River Attraction and Retention Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scott spoke to the work the Committee does on an ongoing basis to keep healthcare professionals in the area.</li> </ul>
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>Date:</b> Tuesday, April 9, 2024  <b>Time:</b> 12:00 - 3:00 pm  <b>Location:</b> Zoom  <b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:oldmanriver@ahs.ca">oldmanriver@ahs.ca</a> for details.</p>

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