



Oldman River Advisory Council Meeting Minutes Tuesday, January 17, 2023 / 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. / Zoom

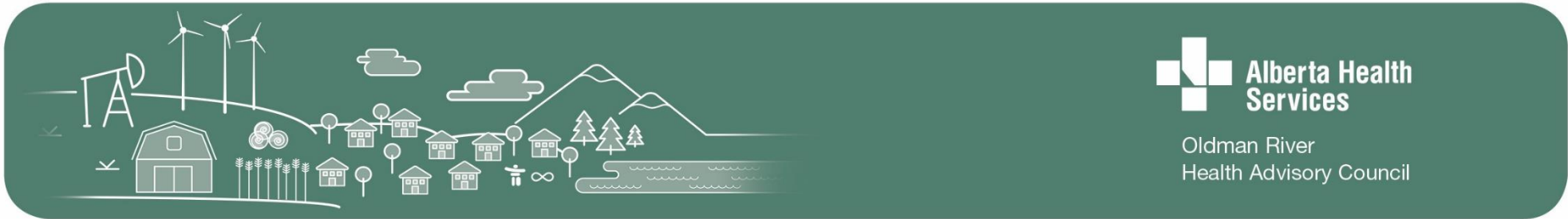
ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
Members	Vicki Koersen (Chair), Stephanie Leavitt (Vice Chair), David Anderson, Jim Bennett, Colleen Bianch, Barbara Boyer, Marni Hope, Behnia Hooshyarkhah, Anne Michealis, Tracy Oosterbroek, Margaret Thomas, Lisa Weekes
AHS	Sharon Hamlin, Linda Iwasiw, Helen Lightfoot, Christine Osunde, Linda Tessmann-Potvin, Heather Tomaszeski, Gwen Wirth, Colin Zieber
Regrets	Betty Ann Little Wolf, Doug Thornton
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Welcome & Introductions	Stephanie Leavitt welcomed all in attendance, Christine Osunde read the land acknowledgment and Tracy Oosterbroek addressed housekeeping.
Approval of previous meeting summary	The May 17, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
Action items from previous meeting	All action items from the May 17, 2022 meeting are complete. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine to share the Wellspring Calgary presentation with Council members. (COMPLETE)
Alberta Health Services Zone Update	Linda Iwasiw, Chief Zone Officer, South Zone, shared the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Zone planning is underway and the Oldman River HAC will be asked to provide input during the year-long consultations. Topics include population needs, services required and innovative ways to deliver those services. An update on the surgical backlog in the South Zone. Connect Care implementation in South Zone is scheduled for fall 2023. South Zone leadership is working with the Provincial Care Network on the modernization of home care. EMS response times HCAP: Direct action to lower EMS response times alberta.ca ED Wait times: Emergency Department Wait Times Alberta Health Services South Zone, Capital Project - Cardston Health Centre business case – model of service delivery.



	<p>Dr. Aaron Low, South Zone Medical Director, shared a written report that was included in the meeting package.</p> <p>An update was provided on physician recruitment in the South Zone, West:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 68 total positions being recruited for in the areas of: addiction and mental health, anesthesia, diagnostic imaging, emergency, rural and family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, pediatrics, rural medicine, senior’s health and surgery. • There are 23 physicians committed, with start dates throughout 2023.
Community Partners	<p>Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) provided a written report that was included in the meeting package.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RhPAP has virtual learning opportunities available for rural community members. • RhPAP recently welcomed two new Community Consultants. In the Central-East area, Anya Langkow. Lynsey Robinson is the new South Zone representative and will also lead virtual event development. • Rhapsody Awards - nominations opened January 1st, 2023. These awards provide an opportunity to recognize the individuals, teams, and volunteers who make significant healthcare and civic contributions within rural Alberta communities. Deadline to submit a nomination is February 28th, 2023.
Council Round Table & Introductions	<p>Council members were called upon to introduce themselves, advise of the community they represent and their reasons for joining Council. It was an eye-opening conversation that shed light on the broad skillsets of the collective group.</p>
Voices of the Community	<p>Community members expressed concerns over physician shortages leading to continuing emergency room closures in Coutts and Milk River. As well, there was discussion about the need for family physicians in Lethbridge and surrounding rural areas in the zone.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	
Presentation(s)	<p>AHS: Provincial Seniors Health & Continuing Care Connecting People and Community for Living Well AHS Presenters: Heather Tomaszeski, Director Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care, Helen Lightfoot, Senior Practice Consultant, Sharon Hamlin, Senior Practice Consultant & Shawna Reid, Practice Lead</p>



	<p>Highlights of the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seniors and Continuing Care • Strategic Clinical Networks Alberta Health Services • Canadian Institute for Social Prescribing • ABCD Training and Resources - Nurture Development - For more information contact –Kate.Hoang@ahs.ca • Alzheimer Society
<p>Presentation(s)</p>	<p>Healthy Aging Alberta - Lauren Slavik, Southern Alberta Regional Community Developer Southern Alberta</p> <p>Highlights of the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Aging Core: Collaborative Online Resource Education (CORE) • Email: lauren.slavik@healthyagingalberta.ca
<p>Presentation(s)</p>	<p>Physician and Ordering Provider Laboratory Services Update Karli Butler, Senior Internal Communications Advisor DynaLife Kelly Morris, Senior Communications Advisor - Provincial Programs, Alberta Health Services Alberta Precision Labs</p> <p>Highlights of the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL) • As of December 5, 2022, DynaLIFE Medical Labs is providing community and non-urgent hospital lab services in communities throughout Alberta • DynaLIFE is opening two new Patient Service Lab locations in Lethbridge on February 27, 2023. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 1240 2A Ave N, Lethbridge, AB ○ 405 Highlands Blvd, Lethbridge AB • Human resources transitioning of APL staff to DynaLIFE will take place on February 27, 2023. • Website for patients: www.wearedynalife.ca • DynaLIFE provincial appointment booking line: 1 877-702-4486



Action Item(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine to share the Provincial Seniors Health & Continuing Care Connecting People and Community for Living Well presentation with attendees. • Christine to share the Healthy Aging Alberta presentation with attendees. • Christine to send fillable meeting evaluation form and link to the online evaluation form on Together4Health to Council.
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date: Thursday, March 16, 2023</p> <p>Time: 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Location: Zoom</p> <p>Contact: oldmanriver@ahs.ca for details.</p>

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