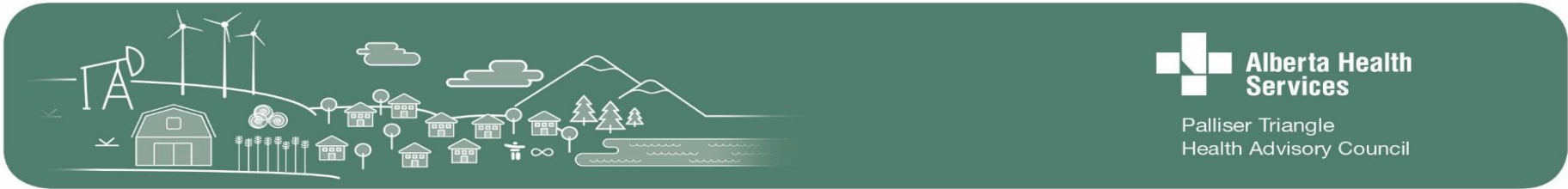


Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

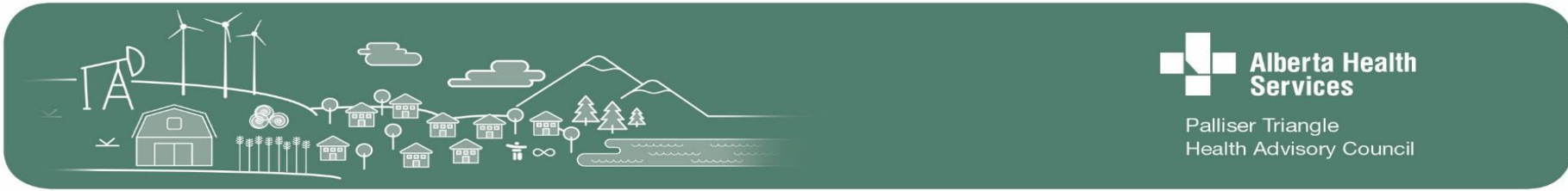
Monday, March 21, 2023 /12:00 – 3:00 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
Members	Krista Weiss (Chair), Rachel Vossen (Vice Chair), Daphne Anstey-Martin, Jill Bernhart, Gwendoline Dirk, Cathy Fox, Michelle Miller, Wesley Paterson, Amanda Peterson, Deborah Reid, Janine Tolhurst
AHS	Trevor Inaba, Dr. Aaron Low, Christine Osunde, Gwen Wirth
Regrets	Martin Gendron, Kathleen Hutcheon
Public	26
Welcome & Introductions	Krista welcomed all in attendance, provided a land acknowledgment, and Rachel Vossen addressed housekeeping.
Approval of previous meeting summary	The January 16, 2023 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
Action items from previous meeting	<p>All action items from the January 16, 2023 meeting are complete.</p> <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. (Complete) Christine to share the Healthy Aging Alberta presentation with attendees. (Complete) Christine to send fillable meeting evaluation form and link to the online evaluation form on Together4Health to Council. (Complete)
Alberta Health Services Zone Update	<p>Dr. Aaron Low, South Zone Medical Director, and Trevor Inaba Senior Operating Officer shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An update on physician recruitment in the South Zone, East: AHS is actively recruiting vacancies in the areas of: addiction and mental health, emergency medicine, family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology and surgery. Mauro Chies has been appointed as the new AHS President and CEO, effective immediately. Mauro has been serving in an interim capacity since April 4, 2022.



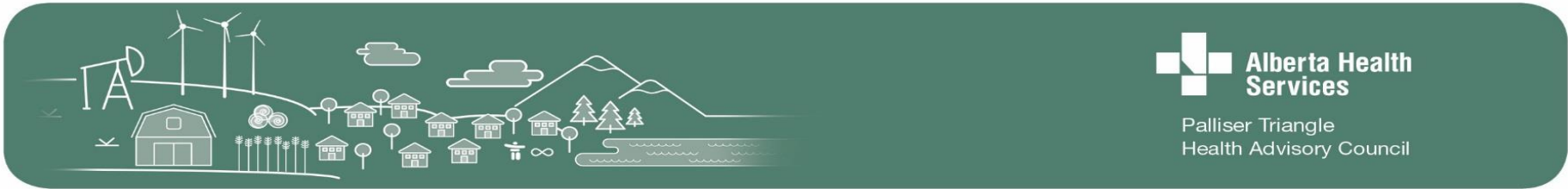
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. John Cowell, Official Administrator (OA), released his 90 day report “Healthcare Action Plan.” The report focuses on improving emergency room wait times, improving EMS response times, decreasing emergency department wait times, improving patient flow throughout the healthcare continuum and deducing wait times for surgeries. • Connect Care implementation in South Zone is scheduled for November 2023. <p>Dr. Aaron Low, South Zone Medical Director, provided a written report that was included in the meeting package. An update was provided on physician recruitment in the South Zone, East:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 95 total positions being recruited for and 66 active postings 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.
<p>Community Partners</p>	<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. • Alberta Rural Health Week is taking place from May 29 – June 2, 2023.
<p>Council Round Table & Good News Stories</p>	<p>Council members shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is concern about lab service wait times and shortage of staff to meet the demands of the Carry Drive Walk-in Clinic. • Good news: Medicine Hat Fire Chief says they had 14 calls for assistance in 2022 and in 2023 there’s been only one since implementation of new EMS protocols. • Very good experience getting vaccinations at the community healthcare centre in Medicine Hat. • Shout out to diagnostic imaging and their great service in Brooks. • Attendance at the Addiction and Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council meeting, where they learned government is injecting \$275 million into community supports. Attendees also learned about the Recovery Works program and heard Adam’s lived experience of overcoming addiction. • Foremost has no resident doctors, but kudos to the physicians who have taken over several new patients to fill the gap until new physicians are hired.





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oyen - kudos to three on-call EMS members and the fire department who attended a recent motor vehicle collision involving a school bus and a semi trailer, Both crews acted diligently to ensure members of the public were cared for in a timely fashion. Kudos to the Medicine Hat Cancer Clinic for doing a great job. • Community can see that progress is being made to restore services at the Oyen Hospital.
Voices of the Community	<p>Community members expressed concerns over finding work-life balance to ensure they can stay healthy. They also shared concern about lab service wait times for people with or without an appointment at the Carry Drive Walk-in Clinic in Medicine Hat. As well, there is concern about lab services for senior's, as there used to be mobile collection for that no longer exists. Senior's now have to travel and many have to pay to get to and from their appointment.</p>
Chair Report	<p>Krista Weiss, Chair shared:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update from the Council of Chairs meeting on February 27. • Highlights from the meeting with the Official Administrator, John Cowell, on March 15. • Recruitment: Council has two vacancies. • An updated on Council's May meeting being rescheduled to April 24.
NEW BUSINESS	
Presentation(s)	<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 • Cell: 403 410-1833
Presentation(s)	<p>Physician and Ordering Provider Laboratory Services Update Jason Pincock, Chief Executive Officer, DynaLIFE Medical Labs Dr. Carolyn O'Hara – Interim Chief Medical Laboratory Officer, Alberta Precision Laboratories</p> <p>Highlights of the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberta Precision Laboratories (APL)





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DynaLIFE Medical Labs provides community and non-urgent hospital lab services in communities throughout Alberta • 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 APL and DynaLIFE presentations with meeting attendees. • Christine to share Lauren Slavik’s contact information with registrants. • Christine to email Council requesting their preference for meeting in person or via zoom in April.
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date: Monday, April 24, 2023 Time: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Location: Zoom Contact: pallisertriangle@ahs.ca for details.</p>

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