



Peace Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2023 / 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
Members	Barry Yaehne (Chair), Charlene Cavers (Vice-Chair), Gladys Blackmore, Maurissa Bruneau, Carla Day, Jancey Dolen, Karen Egge, Jennifer Hamilton, Krista Schuett, Carol Van Slyke
AHS	Jo Blakley, Candice Edey, Jessica Landry, Christine Osunde, and Susan Smith
Regrets	Marc Boychuk, Murray Capon, Danielle Commandeur, Samuel Elkins and Yvonne Rempel
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Welcome & Introductions	Barry welcomed all in attendance and went through introductions and provided a land acknowledgment. Charlene Cavers shared housekeeping.
Approval of previous minutes	Tuesday, January 24, 2023, minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
Action items from previous meeting	No action items from the January 24, 2023, meeting.
Alberta Health Services Zone Update	<p>North Zone Update – Candice Edey, Senior Operating Officer- NZ Area 9 shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary Care - High Prairie Community Health and Wellness Clinic had a new physician commencing on May 29, 2023. • Temporary Director Hired for Clinical Operations – Janet Farney, the site manager in High Prairie, has been temporarily hired into the director role for the next six months. Janet brings with her an intimate knowledge of the communities in Area 6, and AHS is looking forward to the positive contributions she will bring to the role. Samantha Nemec has assumed the acting High Prairie site manager role. • Programs and Services – <u>Wildfire Response</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ North Zone Addiction and Mental Health (AMH) has been providing psychosocial support to evacuees at Reception Centres and other locations throughout various areas in the northwest. ○ Planning and efforts to support re-entry and long-term needs of impacted communities are underway. Collaboration between various programmatic areas, community and governmental partners continues in efforts to ensure the needs of impacted communities are met.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Efforts to support Area 6 were initiated on May 8, 2023. Three response teams have been providing services seven days a week. Active partnering between AMH, Indigenous Health, Seniors Health, Public Health, and Acute Care Services have been ongoing throughout the wildfire response. Volunteers and community members are also recognized for their continued efforts to provide support to evacuees throughout various stages of the response. ● Palliative Care Team - The Palliative Care Team (PCT) team received 96 referrals in April 2023, and 26 referrals so far in May 2023. ● Complex Care Support Team - The Grande Prairie Seniors Consultant team has merged with Complex Care Support team. The merged team will implement a single referral process and support the standardization of best practices, quality program planning and quality improvements across the North Zone.
<p>Physician Resource Planner, North Zone</p>	<p>Physician Recruitment Update – Susan Smith, Physician Resource Planner, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Susan introduced Jessica Landry, Planner, who is new to the department. ● Susan submitted a physician recruitment update that was sent to members in their package. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recruitment target – 34; incoming – 14; hopefuls – 10 ○ New physicians in 2023 (working) - 11 new physicians working as of Jan 1, 2023 ● Walk-In Clinic ER wait times. ● Physician vacancies/recruitment targets listed on the AHS Doctor Jobs website.
<p>Community Partners</p>	<p>Holly Handfield, Rural Community Consultant with Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP), shared updates with Council. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2023 Rhapsody Award recipients: Physician Award: Dr. Noel DaCunha, practicing in Westlock and Health-care Heroes Award: Grimshaw Community Health Centre Emergency team. ● 2024 RhPAP Conference - The call for proposals is now open for communities interested in hosting the conference. ● Preceptor opportunities - The University of Calgary Cumming School of Medicine and the University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry urgently need new rural preceptors for the fall. ● RhPAP offers continuing professional development for practicing rural Alberta physicians and other health professionals to upgrade existing skills or gain new skills in order to meet the medical needs of their community and surrounding areas.



Report from Chair	Barry Yaehne thanked everyone for attending. His thoughts go out to all that have been displaced or lost their home during wildfires and he's thankful for the Council members that were available to assist people who may have had concerns during this time. Barry also acknowledged National Indigenous Month and Pride Month.
Report from Advisory Council Coordinator Update	Jo Blakley reported that since the 2023 Forum was cancelled due to the wildfires, Community Engagement has scheduled virtual learning opportunities, for June. These are sessions from the Forum that are timely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 21, 5:30-7:00 p.m. – Childhood Immunizations Explained, with Dr. Kristin Klein • June 22, 5:30-7:00 p.m. – Building Healthy Communities, with Dr. Richard Lewanczuk and Dr. Laura McDougall • June 28, 5:30- 6:30 p.m. – Leadership Discussion with Dr. John Cowell and Mauro Chies
Voices of the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Donna Buchinski talked about the Valleyview Lodge and that the evacuation process was not positive. Candice will look into it and get back to Donna. • J. Andersens talked about the situation facing the Alberta woman who was denied the organ transplant in Alberta and is interested to know what the policy is with respect to any requirement for Covid "vaccination" in order to receive medical treatment, including transplants.
Action Item (s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candice Edey to respond to Donna Burchinski's concern with the Valleyview Lodge. • Candice Edey to respond to J. Andersons question regarding what is or is there a policy in place with respect to any requirement for covid vaccination in order to receive medical treatment, including transplants.
Council Round Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charlene Cavers – the Grimshaw Community Health Centre Emergency team is this year's Rhapsody Health-care Heroes award recipient. • Carla Day - The Palliative Care Society received a donation of \$100,000, and the Central Peace Health and Wellness Coalition was held for five days of events for senior's week.
NEW BUSINESS	
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date: Tuesday, September 26, 2023</p> <p>Time: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.</p> <p>Location: Fairview Health Complex (10628 – 110 Street)</p>