



Prairie Mountain Health Advisory Council Commitments 2023 - 2026

Topic	Commitment
Building Healthier Communities	<p>Council recognizes the importance of communities taking an active role in building the health and wellness of its residents. It is interested in supporting AHS’ Healthy Communities initiative by learning about the supports in place to prioritize addiction and mental health in the Zone. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host an event or presentation on addiction and mental health supports, prevention, and treatment services available in the Calgary Zone for youth, adults, seniors, and AHS healthcare professionals. • Host a presentation on access to emergency support services in the Calgary Zone. • Host an event or presentation on COVID support for children to thrive in the school setting. • Healthy Communities – Airdrie is currently working with Healthy Communities on a proposal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Host a meeting in a local community that has successfully implemented a Healthy Communities initiative. ○ Invite a community in the HAC area that has successfully implemented a Healthy Community initiative to present at a Council meeting.
Relationship Building – AHS, Primary Care providers and Communities	<p>Council has identified that building relationships with key stakeholders is vital to creating trust and understanding within communities. Council seeks to become better informed of the connection between AHS, Primary Care providers and communities in the HAC area. Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Host an information session or meeting about AHS’ role in the continuum of community care needs. • Invite AHS’ Integrated Quality Management department to present and gain a clear understanding of the communications channels, care coordination from rural to urban for acute care. • Establish and maintain a partnership with the Primary Care Network (PCN) in the HAC area to help Council and the community understand their role and responsibilities in the community. • Ensure ‘Calgary Zone Leadership update’ and ‘Council roundtable’ are standing items at all Council meetings ensuring Council remains aware of AHS priorities, and zone leadership to remain informed of Council member concerns. • Request EMS updates from Calgary Zone leadership at each HAC meeting, including ambulance availability in the HAC area, and share awareness of EMS dashboard information via the EMS Response Times webpage. • Host a presentation on medical transportation supports available in local and rural communities, including programs or other supports within the HAC area. • Support the work of attraction and retention committees in the HAC Zone by inviting Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) to present at a Council meeting on strategies, successes and challenges re recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals in the HAC area.