



Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression (SOGIE) Provincial Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2022; Seventh Street Plaza (Edmonton) and Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
Members	J.K. (Chair), B.A., J.B., R.B., K.D., J.O., S.S.
AHS	Heather Cobb, Shahnaz Davachi, Rachel Dziver, Ray Harrison, Marni Panas, Bryan Peffers, Tammy Troute-Wood, Dr. Sid Viner, Laura Lee Clarke
Regrets	R.A. (Vice Chair), K.A., J.A., A.M., M.S., E.W., J.W., Jordanna Lambert, Lori Roe
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Welcome & Introductions	J.K. welcomed all in attendance, provided a land acknowledgment, and went through round table introductions.
Approval of Minutes	September 17, 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
Action items from previous meeting	Action items from the September 17, 2022 meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOGIE PAC members were asked to provide feedback to Shahnaz Davachi on the new resource <i>Navigating your healthcare journey – with the right information</i> to ensure it is inclusive of SOGIE community’s perspectives. Complete.
AHS Executive Leadership Update	Deferred. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Written update will be circulated.
AHS Permanent Resource Persons Update	Deferred. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent Resource Persons will circulate any updates via email.
Council Round Table	Deferred. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members to circulate any highlights/updates since the last meeting via email.



Report from the Chair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council of Chairs meeting will take place on December 9th in Edmonton. • Advisory Council Spring Forum is planned for June 2nd and 3rd in Edmonton. This is a great learning opportunity and chance to network with other advisory councils; members are encouraged to attend.
Advisory Council Coordinator Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting poll will be sent out shortly with some options for meeting dates for the remainder of 2023 and the beginning of 2024. • SOGIE PAC 2021-22 Annual Report has been approved and is now posted on the AHS Advisory Councils webpage.
NEW BUSINESS	
Presentation(s)	<p>The Power of Community Assets <i>Dr. Richard Lewanczuk, Senior Medical Director, Health System Integration, Alberta Health Services</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About 80% of our health is determined by social determinants of health (factors outside of the healthcare system that contribute to wellness). • Enhancing care in the community is about keeping people as healthy, well and independent as they can be in their homes and communities. • Identifying and coordinating the various resources available for health and wellness at a community level will benefit all Albertans and their communities. • Discussion focused on wellness as a factor of health and what community resources are available to support wellness outside the formal healthcare system.
AHS Interim President and CEO Update/Q&A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mauro thanked the SOGIE PAC for the great work, invaluable expertise, and advice that has been provided to AHS. He highlighted some of the unique contributions made by the Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Involvement in the development of the AHS Information Resource on Conversion Therapy. ○ Advice on the development of Guiding Principles for AHS staff, physicians, and volunteers toward safe and inclusive care for LGBTQ2S+ patients. ○ Working with the screening programs to develop client facing resource materials for breast/ chest and cervical cancer screening for the LGBTQ2S+ community. ○ Consultation with Dr. Laura MacDougall and the Alberta Health Medical Officer of Health to review the communication and public health resources on Monkeypox. ○ Advising AHS Executive Leadership on the importance of having navigators to assist sexual and gender diverse populations and their families navigate health services.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were given the opportunity to ask questions which included priorities of the Official Administrator, future of Advisory Councils, recruitment & retention of staff, shortage of family physicians, and wait times for individuals seeking assessment, support, & treatment related to gender identity. • SOGIE PAC members were grateful for the candid conversation with Mauro and his advocacy for patients, staff and the SOGIE community.
MEETING ADJOURNMENT	
Action Item(s) from meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A written update from the SOGIE PAC Executive Lead on AHS activities to be circulated. • Members and Permanent Resource Persons to email the Council any updates/highlights they would like to share. • Doodle poll with potential meeting dates for 2023-24 will be circulated shortly. Members and Permanent Resource Persons to provide availability.
Next Meeting	<p>Date: Saturday, February 11, 2023 Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Location: Zoom</p>

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