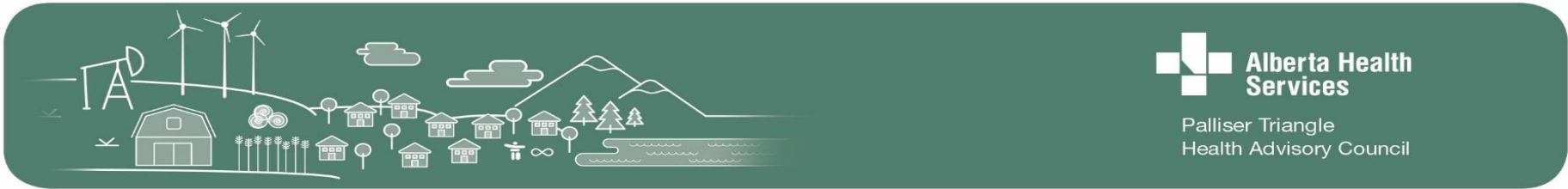


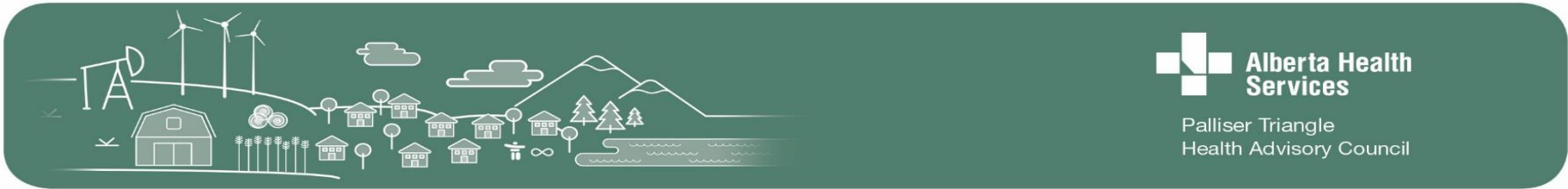
# Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2023 /12:00 – 3:00 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
<b>Members</b>	Krista Weiss (Chair), Rachel Vossen (Vice Chair), Daphne Anstey-Martin, Jill Bernhart, Gwendoline Dirk, Cathy Fox, Martin Gendron, Kathleen Hutcheon, Gop Majak, Michelle Miller, Wesley Paterson, Amanda Peterson, Deborah Reid, Janine Tolhurst
<b>AHS</b>	Sharon Hamlin, Linda Iwasiw, Helen Lightfoot, Christine Osunde, Linda Tessmann-Potvin, Heather Tomaszeski, Gwen Wirth, Colin Zieber
<b>Regrets</b>	
<b>Public</b>	55
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Krista welcomed all in attendance, provided a land acknowledgment, and Rachel Vossen addressed housekeeping.
<b>Approval of previous meeting summary</b>	The May 16, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
<b>Action items from previous meeting</b>	<p>All action items from the March 10, 2022 meeting are complete.</p> <p><b>South Zone leadership to follow up on the following questions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Addiction &amp; Mental Health Services in schools - are schools using funds to provide mental health supports in schools?</li> <li>• Is there Noxalone training in the province?</li> <li>• What can you tell us about the Harm Reduction Intervention Team operating in the South Zone?</li> <li>• Initiative for home to hospital to home (Primary Care initiative) and how that has affected discharge planning?</li> </ul>
<b>Alberta Health Services Zone Update</b>	<p><b>Linda Iwasiw, Chief Zone Officer, South Zone, shared the following information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Zone planning is underway and the Palliser Triangle 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.</li> <li>• An update on the surgical backlog in the South Zone.</li> <li>• South Zone leadership is working with the Provincial Care Network on the modernization of home care.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Connect Care</a> implementation in South Zone is scheduled for fall 2023.</li> <li>• EMS response times <a href="#">HCAP: Direct action to lower EMS response times   alberta.ca</a></li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ED Wait times: <a href="#">Emergency Department Wait Times   Alberta Health Services</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">HEAL - Health Education and Learning   Alberta Health Services</a></li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. Aaron Low, South Zone Medical Director, shared a written report that was included in the meeting package.</b> An update on physician recruitment in the South Zone, east:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AHS is actively recruiting to 18 vacancies in the areas of: addiction and mental health, emergency medicine, family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology, and surgery.</li> <li>• There are seven physicians committed, with start dates throughout 2023.</li> <li>• There are four physicians under preliminary clinical assessment, who will commence independent practice in the areas of rural and family medicine in 2023.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Partners</b>	<p><b>Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) provided a written report that was included in the meeting package.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">RhPAP</a> has virtual learning opportunities available for rural community members.</li> <li>• RhPAP recently welcomed two new Community Consultants. In the Centra-East area, Anya Langkow. Lynsey Robinson is the new South Zone representative and will also lead virtual event development.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Rhapsody Awards</a> - 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. The deadline to submit a nomination is <b>February 28th, 2023.</b></li> </ul>
<b>Council Round Table &amp; Introductions</b>	<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>
<b>Voices of the Community</b>	<p>Community members expressed concerns over EMS wait times, the upcoming changes in local lab services, and the shortage of family doctors available within the zone.</p>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>Presentation(s)</b>	<p><b>AHS: Provincial Seniors Health &amp; Continuing Care Connecting People and Community for Living Well</b> <b>AHS Presenters:</b> Heather Tomaszewski, Director Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care, Helen Lightfoot, Senior Practice Consultant, Sharon Hamlin, Senior Practice Consultant &amp; Shawna Reid, Practice Lead</p>



	<p>Highlights of the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Seniors and Continuing Care</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Strategic Clinical Networks   Alberta Health Services</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Canadian Institute for Social Prescribing</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ABCD Training and Resources - Nurture Development</a> - For more information contact – Kate.Hoang@ahs.ca</li> <li>• <a href="#">Alzheimer Society</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Presentation(s)</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Healthy Aging Alberta</a> – Lauren Slavik, Southern Alberta Regional Community Developer Southern Alberta</p> <p>Highlights of the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy Aging Core: <a href="#">Collaborative Online Resource Education</a> (CORE)</li> <li>• Email: <a href="mailto:lauren.slavik@healthyagingalberta.ca">lauren.slavik@healthyagingalberta.ca</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Action Item(s)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine to share the Provincial Seniors Health &amp; Continuing Care Connecting People and Community for Living Well presentation with attendees.</li> <li>• Christine to share the Healthy Aging Alberta presentation with attendees.</li> <li>• Christine to send fillable meeting evaluation form and link to the online evaluation form on Together4Health to Council.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b> Tuesday, March 21, 2023  <b>Time:</b> 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.  <b>Location:</b> Zoom  <b>Contact:</b> <a href="mailto:pallisertriangle@ahs.ca">pallisertriangle@ahs.ca</a> for details.</p>

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