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Advisory councils: giving Albertans a say in health care

EDMONTON — Alberta Health Services (AHS) has a number of advisory councils whose members provide feedback and perspectives into health care planning and decision-making.

The councils:

- 12 Health Advisory Councils (HACs).
 - The geographically-based HACs engage local communities in a respectful, transparent and accountable manner.
 - There are a maximum of 15 members for each HAC.
 - HAC members serve a maximum of two, three-year terms.
- Two Provincial Advisory Councils (PACs): Addictions and Mental Health, and Cancer.
 - PAC members have experience with cancer or addictions and mental health, and provide input on service planning, existing/emerging issues and ways to improve quality, access and sustainability.
 - There are a maximum of 15 members for each PAC with members serving a maximum of two appointments. These positions are staggered in two- and three-year terms to ensure overlap of new and experienced members.
- Indigenous Wisdom Council
 - This council represents the health interests, priorities, resource needs and service delivery to Alberta's First Nations, Métis Nation/Settlements, and Inuit communities.
 - The Wisdom Council has a maximum of 20 members who serve a maximum of two terms. These positions are also staggered in two- and three-year appointments to ensure overlap of new and experienced members.

Terms of reference and governance:

- Councils meet four to six times a year, and council chairs meet with the AHS Board and senior AHS leaders four times a year.
- HAC and PAC memberships are volunteer, unpaid positions. Out-of-pocket expenses related to council activities are reimbursed according to AHS policies and guidelines.
- Members of the Wisdom Council are reimbursed for pre-approved travel costs/ancillary costs related to meetings, and are eligible to receive an honorarium as approved by AHS based on their exclusive and distinct expertise.

Recruitment:

- New council members are recruited as terms conclude and vacancies arise.
- Last year, recruitment efforts were deferred as council reporting transitioned to the new AHS Board. (Councils had formerly reported to the AHS Official Administrator.) This resulted in a larger volume of applicants and membership renewals this year.
- AHS initiated a recruitment campaign earlier this year. More than 250 people from across Alberta submitted expressions of interest. New members were selected through a rigorous recruitment process.
- Recruitment efforts in Wood Buffalo were deferred due to the fires earlier this spring and have now commenced. Recruitment to the Wisdom Council is ongoing.
- There are three vacancies on the Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council and new opportunities present themselves throughout the year. Anyone interested in this volunteer advisory opportunity should contact AHS.

How to apply:

- Interested Albertans can submit an expression of interest form, available online at <http://www.ahs.ca/shapehealthcare>.
- For more information, contact AHS Community Engagement at 1-877-275-8830, or email community.engagement@ahs.ca.
- To learn more about [AHS Advisory Councils](#), go to the AHS external website: <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/about/communityrelations.aspx>.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than four million adults and children living in Alberta. Its mission is to provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.

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Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council

| Members | Location |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Edith Baraniecki | Edmonton |
| Cornelia Dootjes | Sherwood Park |
| Alexander Kuznetsov | Edmonton |
| Teresa O’Riordan | Morinville |
| Sheila Raffray | Edmonton |
| J. Lawrence Tymko | Edmonton |
| Victor Do (New) | Edmonton |
| Fahim Hassan (New) | Edmonton |
| Shirley Munro (New) | Fallis |
| Iqra Nazir (New) | Edmonton |
| Marlene Pedrick (New) | Sherwood Park |
| Fahim Rahman (New) | Edmonton |
| Three vacancies | |

Addiction and Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council

| Members | Location |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Karen Andresen | Red Deer |
| Ariel Haubrich | Wainwright |
| Denise Lambert | Onoway |
| Vivian Lillico | Edmonton |
| Diane MacNaughton | Medicine Hat |
| Monique Maisonneuve | Guy |
| Dr. Austin Mardon | Edmonton |
| Barbara Murray | Picture Butte |
| Tanya Richer | Calgary |
| Bavie Sara | Edmonton |
| Dr. Geoff Tagg | Red Deer |
| Kathryn Wiebe | Bonnyville |
| Candice Horne (New) | Calgary/Area |
| Emily Macphail (New) | Calgary/Area |

Cancer Provincial Advisory Council

| Members | Location |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Varinder Bhullar | Edmonton |
| Dr. Heather Bryant | Calgary |
| Tim Buckland | Edmonton |
| Dr. Margaret Churcher | Calgary |
| Ray Clark | Calgary |
| Dr. Anthony Fields | Edmonton |
| Dan Holinda | Calgary |
| Ken Landry | Grande Prairie |
| Dr. Angeline Letendre | Edmonton |
| Lorelee Marin | Lloydminster |
| Patti Morris | Calgary |
| Myka Osinchuk | Calgary |
| Dean Wheeler | La Crete |

Wisdom Council

| Members | Location |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Teresa Bearchief | Siksika |
| Stephan Bureau | Edmonton |
| Rob Campre | Edmonton |
| Deb Coulter | Edmonton |
| Frank Daniels | Smith |
| Paul Daniels | Morley |
| Alma Desjarlais | East Prairie |
| Fred Eagletail | Tsuu T'ina |
| Casey Eagle Speaker | Calgary |
| Ruth Gladue | Horse Lake First Nation |
| Claudine Louis | Maskwacis |
| Dr. James Makokis | Edmonton |
| Dr. Lana Potts | Chestermere |
| Andrea Pritchard Kennedy | Calgary |
| Peggy Richardson | Edmonton |
| Wally Sinclair | Lac La Biche |