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Health Advisory Council chairs named

GRANDE PRAIRIE – The Alberta Health Services Board has appointed chairs and vice chairs to each of the 12 Health Advisory Councils across the province (see attached list).

Health Advisory Councils were established to provide meaningful opportunities for public engagement with Alberta Health Services. Acting in an advisory capacity, the role of the Councils is to engage community members by gathering input and feedback on local health service delivery in communities across the province.

“Under the leadership of the chairs and vice chairs announced today, the Health Advisory Councils will continue to engage with citizens across the province, which will help us plan for and deliver quality, accessible and sustainable health services,” said Board Chair Ken Hughes.

Councils nominated candidates for the chair and vice chair positions. The Board appointments to these positions are for one-year terms and are effective May 1, 2010.

“These Councils work directly with community members and local leaders and allow us to gather a local perspective on health care needs. We appreciate their commitment to this important work and the people they serve,” added Hughes.

All 12 Councils have met three times this year. Going forward, they will be expected to meet four to six times a year. Each Council consists of 10 to 15 members who represent geographic areas around the province. Council members are appointed to two- and three-year terms.

Alberta Health Services is the provincial health authority responsible for planning and delivering health supports and services for more than 3.7 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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The following appointments have been made to Alberta Health Services' Health Advisory Councils:

Health Advisory Council	Chair	Location	Vice Chair	Location
1	Clark McAskile	High Level	Gord Burnell	High Level
2	Theresa Sandul	Spirit River	Michael Ouellette	Grand Prairie
3	George Key	High Prairie	Colleen Greer	High Prairie
4	Iris Kirschner	Fort McMurray	Gary Exner	Fort McMurray
5	Deanna Anderson	Elk Point	Parrish Tung	Elk Point
6	Doug McDermid	Mayerthorpe	Ruth Martin-Williams	Edson
7	Kathleen LeClair	Edmonton	Carol Rempel	Warburg
8	Colleen Vennard	Camrose	Glenn Thompson	Two Hills
9	Diana Rowe	Drumheller	Bruce Buruma	Red Deer
10	Larry Albrecht	Okotoks	Gloria Wilkinson	Calgary
11	Kenneth Sauer	Medicine Hat	Martin Shields	Brooks
12	Barbara Lacey	Lethbridge	George Epp	Taber