Your Voice Matters.
We Want to Hear From You.

Think of the difference you can make to the health and well-being of your family, friends, neighbours and community by sharing your thoughts and ideas with us. There are a number of opportunities to get engaged:

- Attend an upcoming council meeting. Notices and agendas are posted on the Alberta Health Services website.
- Make a presentation at a council meeting on a health area of interest or concern to you.
- Think about volunteering your time as a council member. Recruitment drives happen annually. Members are appointed for a three-year term.

Find Out More

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Health Advisory Councils

BRINGING THE VOICE OF COMMUNITIES TO BUILD A BETTER HEALTH SYSTEM

Alberta Health Services

HELPING TO FACILITATE LOCAL DECISION MAKING IN A PROVINCEWIDE SYSTEM

Our Role

Everything we do is about improving the health and wellness of Albertans, no matter what part of the province they live in. We are focused on one thing: listening to your thoughts and ideas on health services to help Alberta Health Services enhance care locally and provincewide. Health Advisory Councils were established in 2009 under the *Regional Health Authorities Act*.

Our objective is to:

- Engage members of the communities where we live in dialogue about local health services.
- Provide feedback about what is working well within the health care system and suggest areas for improvement.
- Promote opportunities for members of our local communities to get engaged.

Our Accomplishments

Some key strategic initiatives that our councils have provided feedback and advice on include:

- Emergency Medical Services
- Primary Care, Seniors Care, Hospice and Palliative Care
- Addiction and Mental Health
- Rural Physician recruitment and retention
- Patient Food Services
- Aboriginal Health
- Community and rural health planning

Health Advisory Councils

LEGEND

1 True North Health Advisory Council
2 Peace Health Advisory Council
3 Lesser Slave Lake Health Advisory Council
4 Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council
5 Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council
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7 Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council
8 Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council
9 David Thompson Health Advisory Council
10 Prairie Mountain Health Advisory Council
11 Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Council
12 Oldman River Health Advisory Council

Our Communities

Health Advisory Councils serve communities across Alberta – from large urban centres to small, rural towns. We are here to listen and to help, whether you live in the heart of Alberta's western ranges, near the majesty of the boreal forest in the north, or anywhere in between.

Community Engagement

Bringing health care decisions to the local level is the goal of Councils across the province.

As everyday Albertans with a passion for health care, we engage our communities, listening to concerns, in an effort to improve the health and wellness in our areas.

Health Advisory Council members are volunteers who play an important role in connecting Alberta Health Services with communities across the province.

Public participation is essential to improving the quality and accountability of health services. Continuing to draw on community members for feedback and input will help AHS provide a patient-focused, quality health system that is accessible and sustainable for all Albertans.

Health Advisory Council meetings are open to community members. The purpose of the Council meetings is to provide an opportunity to hear feedback, comments, and questions from the public about health care services. Bring your community's voice forward to provide input on local and regional health and join us at our next Council meeting.

For information and a list of Council members and upcoming meetings please visit:

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