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 (AHS) website.

- Contact the Council regarding a cancer care 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 two or three-year term.

Find Out More
Contact us via email community.engagement@albertahealthservices.ca or by phone: 403-943-1241 or toll-free 1-877-275-8830
As Advisory Council Members, we play an important role in supporting the strategic direction of Alberta Health Services (AHS) by engaging members of our communities throughout Alberta in a respectful, transparent and accountable manner. Public participation is essential to improving the quality and accountability of health services. Working in partnership with AHS is an important way to ensure that cancer care is responsive to the needs of patients and their families.

Our Provincial Advisory Council (PAC) consists of sixteen volunteers and expert members from across the province. We provide advice related to cancer care priorities for services provided throughout Alberta, drawing upon other expertise as required.

Our Advisory Council will:
- Seek and appropriately consider evidence and information from Albertans when advising on cancer care delivery and evaluation of services;
- Provide advice regarding potential challenges, gaps, opportunities and strategic investment within cancer care services as provided by AHS; and actively communicate the Advisory Council’s purpose and role.

We advise the AHS Board and AHS management on service delivery and program design for a provincewide cancer care system. The primary functions of our Council include:

- Talking with local residents throughout Alberta’s communities and advising AHS on what we are hearing about local cancer care services;
- Providing ongoing feedback about what is working well in the cancer care system and what can be improved;
- Considering information provided by AHS and identify issues or trends from a local perspective;
- Reviewing key performance indicators for the AHS cancer care system; and
- Providing feedback to AHS about strategies to further engage the community on cancer care delivery.

Our expert members on the Council consider and provide evidence-based suggestions on the following services, specifically as it relates to cancer:
- Prevention and screening;
- Diagnosis, treatment and care; and
- Research.

Our public members, in addition to attending and participating in Advisory Council meetings, share their views and opinions and represent those of their families, neighbours and communities. The local knowledge of our public members and their insight is important as they receive information and input from the community regarding cancer services. Public members will also help to inform and educate the public about cancer care and help identify opportunities within the community where cancer care services can be improved.

AHS is committed to engagement and is developing a comprehensive community engagement strategy. Engaging Albertans is an integral part of health service delivery and allows for planning and delivery of health care to better respond to the needs of the community. Consequently, health care leaders will work closely with our Council to ensure transparency and accountability in how cancer care health services are planned and delivered.

Meetings are open to the public unless our Council determines that part or all of a meeting should be private. Additionally, minutes of our meetings and the annual reports of our Council will be available on the AHS website: www.albertahealthservices.ca