



Seniors and Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council Minutes
Friday, December 13th, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. via Zoom

Seniors & Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council					
	Ejehi Faith Akhile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ken Hansen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Veronika Kiryanova
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Irene Donohue		Michelle Miller		<i>Vacant (EDM Zone) (2)</i>
	Jill Chambers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pat Esau, Chair		<i>Vacant (NOR Zone) (3)</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Julie Handrahan	R	Susan MacDonald		<i>Vacant (SOU Zone) (2)</i>
AHS Permanent Resource Persons					
R	Robyn Maddox, Senior Provincial Officer Provincial Seniors Health & Continuing Care (PSHCC)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Niall MacDonald, Executive Director Provincial Seniors Health & Continuing Care				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dr. Jim Silvius, Senior Medical Director Provincial Seniors Health & Continuing Care				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Crystal Stewart, Council Coordinator SCC PAC / Coordinator PSHCC				
AHS					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Colin Zieber, Senior Operating Officer South Zone				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eleanor Risling, Executive Director Continuing Care Edmonton Zone				
R	Janet Kaplan, Executive Director Seniors Health North Zone				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Janine Sakatch, Executive Director Community Engagement & External Relations				
	Lesley Myles, Executive Director Seniors, Palliative and Continuing Care Calgary Zone				
	Lori Sparrow, Senior Operating Officer Community and Seniors Health Central Zone				
T	Mircea Fagarasanu, Interim Vice President Provincial Clinical Excellence				
Guests & Public Members					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Heather Hanson, Assistant Scientific Director PSHCC				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Diane MacNaughton, Public Member SOU Zone Red Cliff				
Presenter(s)					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michelle Peterson Fraser, Director Provincial Palliative & End of Live Care, PSHCC				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kat (Kathleen) Parry, Senior Practice Consultant Advanced Care Planning, PEOLC PSHCC				

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Call to Order	Pat Esau	
Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands Our work takes place on historical and contemporary Indigenous lands, including the territories of Treaty 6, Treaty 7 and Treaty 8, and the homeland of the Métis Nation of Alberta and eight Métis Settlements. We also acknowledge the many Indigenous communities that have been forged in urban centres across Alberta.		
P1	Alberta Advanced Care Planning and Goals of Care Michelle Peterson Fraser, Kat Parry Overview of Advance Care Planning and Goals of Care provided with presentation on-screen. ACP GCD launched in AB in former Calgary Health Region in 2008 and was modified for provincial implementation in 2014 to plan and document individual wishes. <i>Green Sleeve</i> , available through primary care practitioners, contains documentation to confirm choices related	



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<p>to care services an individual wants to receive, and those they do not wish to receive. Website: www.conversationsmatter.ca Email: conversationsmatter@ahs.ca Patient and Family section of website contains links to video resources. April 16th is National Advance Care Planning Day</p> <p>Email ConversationsMatter@ahs.ca to request send of Green Sleeves. Please share these options broadly. Connect Care Patients & Families Alberta Health Services Advance Care Planning: Keep important information in a Green Sleeve How to Order Your Green Sleeve</p>		
1.	Approval of SCC PAC Agenda: December 13 th , 2024 Agenda accepted as circulated	Agenda accepted as circulated
2.	Approval of SCC PAC Meeting Minutes: September 20 th , 2024 Minutes accepted as circulated	Minutes accepted as circulated
3.	Quarterly Updates	
3.1.	Seniors Health Policy Development Irene Donohue Overview of Committee activity provided: collection of feedback for Patient Allergy and Reaction underway; ACP GCD, Dental Hygiene and Patient Death at Home, Patient Risk Assessment, Cannabis Use and Records Retention discussed. Continuing Care Appeal Process and Client Care Package being reviewed for provincial alignment.	
3.2.	Quality of Life Working Groups Veronika Kiryanova Quality of Care support documents being developed. The Quality of Life (QoL) Framework posted on the Continuing Care Connection website under Learning Opportunities/Education/Alberta Quality of Life Initiative. Register to access Continuing Care Connection . Consultations completed in continuing care centres over recent weeks; staff and families felt direction was right, but approach may not be actionable. Need to focus efforts on small, low-cost solutions as well as larger, costlier options. Consultations will continue; will address next steps going forward. Government has received applications for QoL grant funds for site-based activities; decisions not yet made. Will monitor successes for potential provincial spread. Staff have said this work is timely and needs to be done, recognizing challenges with operationalization.	
4.	Council Business	
4.1.	Connecting researchers with patients/carers for individual lived experience Heather Hanson, Jim Silvius	Heather Hanson will email research



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<p>Heather Hanson, Assistant Scientific Director with PSHCC Scientific Office – support research related to best practice.</p> <p>Receive requests from academic colleagues for individuals to join research opportunities. Seeking recommendations on how best to connect researchers with patient and family advisors.</p> <p>MyImpactPage - Albertans4HealthResearch.ca.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding Alberta research and process for approval including Ethics Board review; participants do not need to seek additional Ethics approval. Patient Advisors can go to MyImpactPage - Albertans4HealthResearch.ca and sign up for mailing list to receive research opportunities as they become available.</p> <p>Heather Hanson will email research participation opportunities to Crystal Stewart to share with Council, including any support documents as provided and confirmation whether opportunity can be broadly shared across member-networks.</p>	<p>opportunities to Crystal to share with SCC PAC members.</p>
<p>4.2. Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) Update – Federal and Provincial</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Jim Silvius</p> <p>Fifth Annual Report on Medical Assistance in Dying in Canada, 2023 - Canada.ca – newly released most recent report and data.</p> <p>MAID continues to be offered in Alberta; Legislation has not changed. Intent by Federal Government was to include mental health as a primary source of suffering as an eligible reason; this has caused concern, and implementation has been delayed on this work. Federal Government striking Expert Panel to look at Advance Care Planning with ability to consent to MAID.</p> <p>Premier has sent directive to Minister of Justice to review MAID applications to affirm approvals are appropriate. Cross-Ministerial Working Group seeking engagement and feedback; encourage individuals to complete the survey: Medical assistance in dying engagement Alberta.ca (closes Friday, December 20th).</p> <p>Stakeholders have been contacted to develop a ‘What We Heard’ report.</p>	<p>SCC PAC members encouraged to complete Medical assistance in dying engagement Alberta.ca survey, and to share the survey across networks (closes Friday, December 20th).</p>
<p>4.3. Seniors & Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council 2025/26 Meeting Schedule</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Crystal Stewart</p> <p>DRAFT 2025/26 Meeting Schedule shared on-screen. No objections expressed. Reach out to Crystal to discuss conflict and/or request for reschedule.</p>	<p>Dates accepted as circulated. Notify Crystal of individual meeting conflicts.</p>
<p>4.4. Future Presentations to Seniors and Continuing Care PAC</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Crystal Stewart</p>	<p>Crystal will schedule Palliative</p>



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Document shared on-screen; no additions put forward. Request for Palliative Education and rural hospice access to March meeting.		Education for March meeting.
<p>4.5. PSHCC Update Niall MacDonald, Jim Silvius</p> <p>Provincial Seniors Health and Continuing Care team activities overview provided, including Policy, support for Connect Care launches, alignment of policies and procedures with new Continuing Care Legislation and Act updates. Continuing Care Transformation Initiatives continue in alignment with approvals and budget. Capacity continues to be sought to meet needs of population and support system flow, especially during respiratory virus season.</p> <p>Primary Care Alberta has been officially stood up and will become operational in early 2025.</p> <p>Trauma Informed Care workshop held in October, organized by Carole Estabrooks and TREC (Translating Research in Elder Care) out of University of Alberta to consider how to address effects of prior trauma with continuing care residents and avoid re-traumatization. Policy Workshop held, looking at incorporating into QoL Toolkit going forward amongst other activities. Reach out to Crystal or Jim if interested in participating in Working Groups in the new year.</p>		<p>Members encouraged to consider joining Quality of Life Toolkit Working Group with work to incorporate Trauma Informed Care in 2025.</p>
<p>Seniors & Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council Round Table and Christmas Wishes</p> <p>Involved with Appeal Panel case and wanted to mention how great the process is. Received all background information; had internal meeting, then with client, then with Board, then again with client. Process worked very well.</p> <p>Holiday wishes to everyone, rest and peace this holiday season. Thanks to you all.</p>		
Seniors & Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council Meeting Adjournment		3:05 p.m.
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Friday, March 14th, 2025 at 1:00 via Zoom</p>		