Building a better healthcare system with the voice of Albertans

Who we are
Our Provincial Advisory Council for Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression is made up of a maximum of 15 volunteers from across the province. Our council includes people who have lived experience within the healthcare system and understand the needs and barriers faced by sexual and gender minority communities. Our members are passionate about improving access and availability of safer and more inclusive healthcare.

How we make a difference
We work in partnership with Alberta Health Services (AHS) to create a safer and more welcoming healthcare environment for sexual and gender minority (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and 2 Spirit, or LGBTQ2S+) patients and their families.

Our role is to:
- Talk with Albertans and advise AHS what we are hearing about issues related to sexual and gender minority communities.
- Advise AHS on strategies to address stigma, bias and discrimination these communities may encounter when accessing and navigating the healthcare system.
- Help to inform how AHS supports employees who identify with these communities, and work within them.
- Advise AHS Board and AHS leadership on province wide service delivery, policy and program design to improve healthcare experiences for sexual and gender minority patients and families.

Our value
Healthcare leaders work closely with us to ensure transparency and accountability in how services are planned and delivered to help ensure safer and more inclusive care for all Albertans.

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Indigenous communities map

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