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After decades in the healthcare field, Ken Hansen is excited to bring his experience and expertise to the David Thompson Health Advisory Council to ensure the voices and medical needs of Albertans are heard at the highest levels of leadership at Alberta Health Services.



Ken likes to hang out with friends and family and also enjoys helping his son-in-law in the business of maintaining and accessorizing golf carts. Over the years, he's also traveled more than 400,000 km on motorcycles throughout Canada and the U.S.

“I dedicated 34 years of my life working in the healthcare field. I’ve worked through many system and governance changes in the healthcare field and, after being retired for 10 years, I feel I have the time to dedicate and bring some of the public’s ideas and questions forward to try and build on our present system.

“I still have a lot of people I know in the system and can dedicate time to reach out to current staff, patients and family members within the continuum of care to identify possible enhancements or changes that could improve care.”

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“Hearing concerns and compliments from people using the system and having a conduit through Council to bring these forward is a great accomplishment for me to look forward to.

“While I’m very new to the Council and largely unaware of our past accomplishments, I am familiar with some of the previous members on the Council — knowledgeable and well-respected community members — and I look forward to following in their footsteps and hopefully I’ll make a difference.

“I hope to be able to help improve our system or highlight achievements that the general public may not be aware of. Many times we hear the complaints — and seldom hear the successes. I’d like to make sure the general public is aware of what’s working well in the system — and not just the concerns and issues that seem to take the limelight and get all the press.”

It’s also vitally important to hear from the people who provide healthcare as well, says Ken.

“I would like to ensure the voice of AHS’s most valuable resource, their human resource, is heard — and that their frontline perspective isn’t lost on our community. Rural and remote have completely different needs in many aspects — and who knows how to make things flow better than those directly involved either as clients or caregivers.”

As a client himself years ago, Ken’s life-changing event only served to amplify his appreciation of healthcare.

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