



## Frequently Asked Questions

### How long is the recruitment drive?

Recruitment for Advisory Councils runs year-round until vacancies are filled. An interview and screening process will occur and once selected, new member appointments are forwarded to the AHS Board for approval.

### What criteria are used in the selection process of new members?

We strive to appoint Council members who reflect the rich diversity of Alberta's population. In addition, members must:

- be 18 and over
- demonstrate an interest in healthcare in Alberta
- be well connected to your community to ensure diversity of perspectives
- reside in the Council area for which you are applying
- undergo a criminal record check and complete a conflict of interest
- compliance with AHS' [Immunization of Workers for COVID-19 Policy](#), by the date of commencement
- commit to meeting four times per year at locations throughout your Zone
- Provincial Advisory Council (PAC) members are required to have lived experience

### How do I become a Health Advisory Council member?

Complete an [Expression of Interest](#) form and return it to [community.engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca). More information can be found on our [website](#), or toll-free at 1.877.275.8830.

### How long would I serve on a Council?

Each term on a Health Advisory Council (HAC) is three years. Terms on PACs are either two or three years; all to a maximum of six years.

### What is the time commitment to sit on Council?

HACs hold a minimum of two public meetings and 1-2 engagement events in a year. PACs hold four public meetings in a year. These occur between September-June at Council's scheduling, and occur virtually or at locations in the Council's geographic area.

When opportunity presents itself, many members choose to sit on other committees related to health services, and bring that information back to their respective Council. Engagement opportunities arise throughout the year, and each Council determines what is most suitable, based on their goals and objectives.

### What are the responsibilities of a member?

- Act in an advisory capacity to Alberta Health Services (AHS), by providing feedback on specific issues and initiatives
- Gather information from your community and provide that local perspective to AHS on the province-wide healthcare system
- Promote and participate in engagement activities that contribute to healthcare services in Alberta
- Attendance at Council meetings and 1-2 engagement events
- Participate in discussion with AHS leadership about what is working well in health services and where there are areas for improvement

### Do members get paid to be part of Council?

These are voluntary positions. That said, when out-of-pocket expenses are incurred as the result of Council activity, members will be reimbursed as per current Government of Alberta rates.