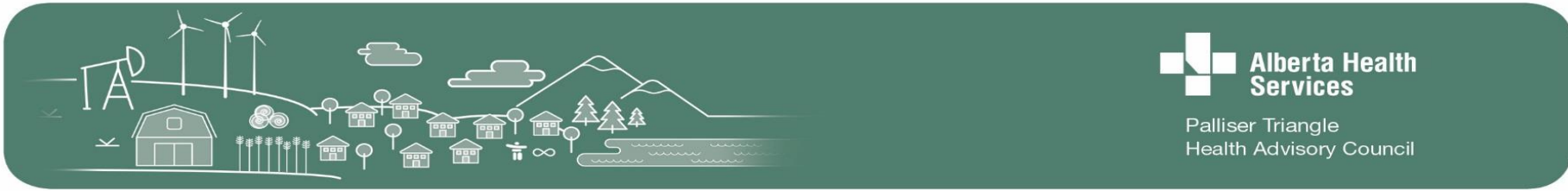


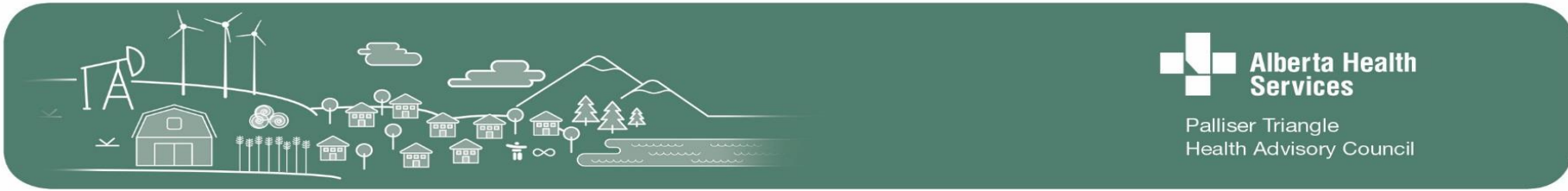
Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2022 /12:00 – 3:00 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
Members	Krista Weiss (Chair), Rachel Vossen (Vice Chair), Jill Bernhart, Pat Dietrich, Kathleen Hutcheon, Gop Majak, Paul Nederveen, Amanda Peterson, Reg Radke
AHS	Christine Osunde, Linda Iwasiw, Dr. Aaron Low, Linda Tessmann-Potvin, Gwen Wirth, Karen Fritz
Regrets	Ajit Atwal, Martin Gendron, Janine Tolhurst
Public	Seven
Welcome & Introductions	Krista welcomed all in attendance, provided a land acknowledgment, and Gop Majak addressed housekeeping.
Approval of previous meeting summary	The March 10, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
Action items from previous meeting	All action items from the March 10, 2022 meeting are complete.
Alberta Health Services Zone Update	<p>Linda Iwasiw, Chief Zone Officer, South Zone, shared the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on COVID-19, in the South Zone. Up-to-date information can be found at: www.ahs.ca/covid. • An update was provided on surgical backlogs. • An update on continuing care beds within the zone. AHS Continuing Care. • Diabetes information will be updated online on the AHS site to ensure Albertans seeking this information have access to it. • Tom Baker Cancer Center is experiencing some staffing recruitment challenges. • Information on Medicine Hat Regional Hospital discharge planning was provided, along with an outline of what the process looks like for patients who are discharged. • An update was provided on Addiction and Mental Health and the referral process within the South Zone. • Information was provided on harm reduction in school settings.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect Care implementation in South Zone is scheduled for fall 2023. <p>Dr. Aaron Low, South Zone Medical Director, provided the following information: An update on physician recruitment in the South Zone east area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHS is actively recruiting to 22 vacancies in the areas of: Addiction and Mental Health, Anesthesia, Diagnostic Imaging, Emergency, Family Medicine, Rural Medicine, Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Surgery. • There are five physicians committed, with slated start dates of June and July 2022. • There are two physicians under preliminary clinical assessment in the areas of Rural Medicine and Addiction & Mental Health.
Action Item(s)	<p>South Zone leadership to follow up on the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addiction & Mental Health Services in schools - are schools using funds to provide mental health supports in schools? • Is there Noxalone training in the province? • What can you tell us about the Harm Reduction Intervention Team operating in the South Zone? • Initiative for home to hospital to home (Primary Care initiative) and how that has affected discharge planning?
Community Partners	<p>Alicia Fox, Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) Consultant, shared the following: RhPAP has organized several virtual learning opportunities for rural community members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 19, 2022 – AHS Medical Affairs • May 30-June 3, 2022 – Alberta Rural Health week • October 4-6, 2022 – Put on Your Perspectacles Attraction and Retention Conference
Council Round Table	<p>The following was shared by Council members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gop attended the Rural Engagement session held by Community Engagement and a discussion to review AHS' current Code of Conduct. • Compliments to AHS service providers from residents of Brooks. • Brooks will be showing gratitude to all health care providers in the area during Alberta Rural Health week from May 30 – June 3, 2022. • There have been a lot of changes with Emergency Medical Services. Lethbridge community members are still concerned about the number of red alerts and transfers that are required to Calgary. • Community members from Oyen are excited there will be a new physician starting soon. • Jill is now a member of the AHS Home to Hospital – Hospital to Home committee.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krista Weiss, Chair, presented to the AHS Community Engagement Board on the successes of the PTHAC over the last year.
Voices of the Community	Thank you to AHS, for bringing back the Religious Community Visitor program (RCV). The Religious Community Visitor program provides spiritual and religious care for those in hospital.
NEW BUSINESS	
Presentation(s)	<p>Quality Virtual Care – Anytime, Anywhere Dr. Sarah Hall, BSc, MD, FRCPC, CCPE (she/her) Deputy Head, Professional Affairs, Department of Pediatrics Interim Provincial Medical Director, Virtual Health, Alberta Health Services and Dr. Tafi Madzimure, Rural/Regional Medical Lead for Virtual Health.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information was provided on virtual care in the province. • The Virtual Care team gathered input from those council members and public in attendance of virtual care. • Email: virtualhealth.info@ahs.ca <p>Nancy Campbell, RN South Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided information on specific virtual care services that are offered and provided in the South Zone.
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date: Monday, January 16, 2023 Time: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Location: Zoom Contact: community.engagement@ahs.ca for details.</p>

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