



## Minutes - Peace Health Advisory Council

March 20, 2018 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Discovery Room QEII Hospital Grande Prairie

**Council members present:** Lucille Partington (Chair), Yvonne Rempel (Vice Chair), Sandy Baker, Judy Brown, Alison Cormack, Laura Hancharuk, Helen Neufeld, Cindy Park, Gloria Robertson, Penny Stone

**AHS :** Karen Depottie, Keith Curtis, Shannon Gallant, Dianna Gitzel, Debra Morrison, Susan Smith

**Public:** Christine, Ruth Perry, Holly Handfield,

**Regrets:** Kishor Ojha

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
<b>1. Approval of Agenda</b>	Moved by Cindy Park that the agenda of Tuesday, March 20, 2018 be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b>	
<b>2. Approval of Minutes</b>	Moved by Alison Cormack that the minutes of January 18, 2018 be approved with the following changes: remove “Not Truth and reconciliation” from round circle. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b>	
<b>3. Presentations</b>  <b>3.1 Mental Health and Addictions- Debra Morrison, Director Addiction and Mental Health</b>	Debra Morrison provided a full report of mental health services available in the area, the following are highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AHS offers a full spectrum of services in the North. Debra provided information on services offered in Grande Prairie, Peace River, Grande Cache, Fairview and Valleyview.</li> <li>• There are travel clinics for adult short term, child and youth mental health and addiction. Most of the travel clinics are conducted out of Primary Care Networks (PCNs), community health centres or community offices such as the Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) office. There is a strong presence in schools of both addiction and mental health staff. This includes</li> </ul>	



**North Zone-  
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Karen  
DePottie,  
Grande  
Prairie Area  
Manager of  
Addiction  
and Mental  
Health**

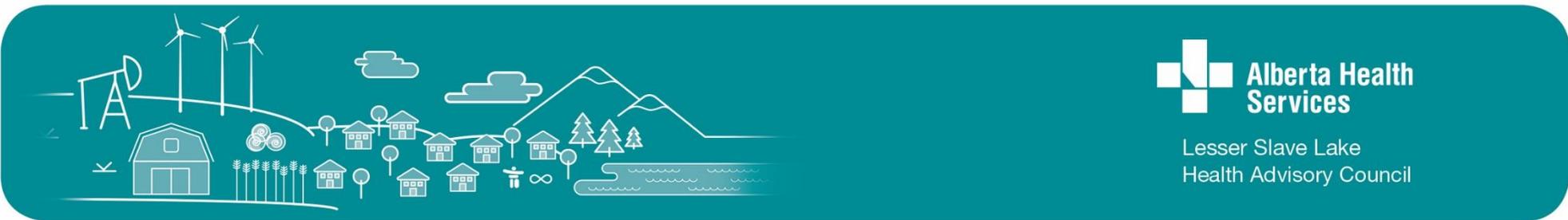
both treatment activities and education and prevention. Upon request there is outreach for women with a large focus on pregnant women. There is travel to all communities surrounding Grande Prairie.

- There are walk in clinics in Valleyview, Peace River, Fairview and Grande Prairie.
- Q: What can lead to involuntary treatment?
- A: This is by court order.
- Q: How are Aboriginal communities serviced?
- A: They can access services in communities. There is outreach to inform of the opioid dependency program. There is a regional collaborative service delivery: tri-ministerial program education, health and human services. This provides wrap around programming to students in schools. This included putting a therapist into the Sturgeon Lake School for 1.5 days a week. Adults would have to go into Grande Prairie or other communities. There is a large population of Indigenous people accessing services.
- Q: Is there value in working towards providing services at home or close to home?
- A: At this time they do not have the resources to do this.
- Q: Why is there such lengthy wait times for a psychiatrist in the area?
- A: They are working with family doctors encourage referrals to mental health services verses a psychiatrist. This could help with wait times as the team can determine if the person needs to see a psychiatrist. There are two child psychiatrists and six adult psychiatrists. Currently three months is a good wait time. They are trying to increase child psychiatry across the zone, by engaging psychiatrists in different zones who are willing to use Telehealth.
- Q: There is confusion for people on where to go in crisis, what should they do?
- A: There is the Integrated Crisis and Access Team (ICAT), on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of Aberdeen this is where people can start their journey. 2017 is the first year with ICAT, this has led to a 30% increase in people presenting with addiction and mental health illness.

Karen DePottie provided an overview of the new Youth Day Program, the following are some highlights:



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They have been provided funding for a youth day program. It is for students that are in grade 7-12 and are experiencing addiction or mental health issues. It will include a regular school day, therapy, learning, independent life skills as well as other supports. It will take place in Nordic Court. This will begin in the fall with eight students.</li> <li>• Q: Can the HAC take a tour of ICAT?</li> <li>• A: Yes, contact to set up a time.</li> <li>• Q: Where can people get funding for mental health drugs?</li> <li>• A: Alberta Works.</li> </ul>	Set up tour of ICAT
<p><b>3.2 Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation-</b> Executive Director, Keith Curtis</p>	<p>Keith Curtis provided an overview of the Grande Prairie Regional Hospital Foundation, the highlights follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The foundation is moving ahead with the QEII capital campaign. They have made gains in donor sponsorship and are looking to partner with other foundations as the hospital will be regional.</li> <li>• Other programming is continuing. The white rose program is awareness for staff of patients who are in end of life. Working on recurring gifts and planned giving.</li> <li>• A new communications officer has been brought on. They will work on branding the new hospital.</li> <li>• They are currently focusing on programming instead of equipment</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Old Business</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Business Arising from Previous Meetings –</b> Shannon Gallant, AHS Advisory Council Coordinator</p>	<p>The following list was the action items from the Dec. 18, 2017 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Look into ability for HAC access to AHS online learning programs. Currently only available for AHS staff.</li> <li>• Invite Mental Health and Addictions team to the next meeting. Complete.</li> <li>• Invite the Grande Prairie Foundation to the next meeting. Complete.</li> <li>• Look into upcoming AHS engagement activities in the fall. There are not currently any planned.</li> <li>• Invite Primary Care Network to meeting in May.</li> </ul>	Invite Primary Care Network to meeting in May.



<p><b>5. New Business</b></p>		
<p><b>5.1 North Zone Update –</b> Dianna Gitzel, Lead for Nursing Education and Operational Lead on the Capital Project</p>	<p>Dianna Gitzel provided a full report and following are the highlights from the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shannon Dunfield is the new manager for Indigenous health, French health and Diversity.</li> <li>• There was a provincial simulation disaster exercise at the end of February. It was to train on how we would react if an event, such as the fire in Fort McMurray occurred.</li> <li>• Connect care is very exciting and is being built by the staff and people who will use the system.</li> <li>• Q: Will patients have access to results on connect care.</li> <li>• A: There will be a portal for patients. There are discussions occurring now about what results will be available right away and what results will need to come from your doctor first.</li> <li>• Q: Will booking be available through connect care?</li> <li>• A: There is a possibility for this, but no decision yet.</li> <li>• Q: When will Connect care be launched?</li> <li>• A: Will happen in stages with Edmonton going first. North Zone will be implemented in fall of 2020.</li> <li>• Community Paramedic Teams will begin to help with non-emergent services. This will help with the senior population.</li> <li>• Q: If the community paramedic team assesses a patient how do they then get what they need? Ex: medication, will they still need to go to a hospital/clinic?</li> <li>• A: She advised she need to look into this.</li> <li>• Q: Will the community paramedic teams work with palliative care?</li> <li>• A: Yes.</li> <li>• Q: How many beds are in the current Grande Prairie Hospital?</li> <li>• A: There are 164 funded beds (inpatient bed), and 20 overcapacity beds.</li> <li>• Q: How many beds in the new Grande Prairie Hospital?</li> <li>• A: When completed it will have the capacity for a maximum of 242 beds.</li> </ul>	<p>Request information on how individuals would receive prescriptions from the community paramedic team. Find out if they will call 911 or another number.</p>



<p><b>5.2 Physician Resources</b></p> <p><b>Update –</b> Susan Smith, Physician Resource Planner</p>	<p>Susan Smith provided a full support and the following are highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each year, they meet with physician leaders in communities to determine what is going on. They look at who is retiring? Is there an expected economic growth or crisis?</li> <li>• Working on support for the new hospital as well as with addiction and mental health team.</li> <li>• Last week physician resources met with University of Alberta students to generate interest in Northern Communities.</li> <li>• Q: Is there a dermatologist in GP?</li> <li>• A: Dr. Christine Malcom works part time.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.3 Chairs Report-</b> Lucille Partington, Chair</p>	<p>Lucille shared here report, some highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The chairs from the northern HAC's will be meeting to discuss concerns about funding and services in the north.</li> <li>• Lucille is serving as a patient advisor on a committee for Patient and Family Centered Care (PERG, Patient Engagement Reference Group). If interested in joining let Lucille know.</li> <li>• Be aware of what is going on with the Air Ambulance in Peace River for the next HAC meeting.</li> <li>• On April 5<sup>th</sup> there is a luncheon for doctor recruitment</li> </ul>	
<p><b>1.1 Report from Advisory Council Relations-</b> Shannon Gallant, AHS Advisory Coordinator</p>	<p>Shannon Gallant provided a report. Following are the highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advisory Council Satisfaction- Deadline extended to March 16th, 2018</li> <li>• Work Plan Development- 2018</li> <li>• Annual Reports</li> <li>• Open Houses/ Municipal Forums</li> <li>• Cannabis Legislation</li> <li>• Advisory Councils Annual Fall Forum</li> </ul>	<p>Send out digital copy of group picture from fall forum</p>



<p><b>1.2 Council Roundtable and Good News Stories</b></p>	<p>Laura Hancharuk shared that she has a friend who is dying with cancer. She had nothing but good things to say about the palliative care program.</p> <p>Judy Brown shared that Bill 22 is coming into effect on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Area 3 has invited Judy as a public member to come to managers meetings. Judy asked if AISH pays for emergency ambulance rides.</p>	<p>Look into if AISH cover the cost of ambulance rides.</p>
<p><b>1.3 Voices of the Community</b></p>	<p>Holly Handfield from RhPap attended a meeting in Fairview and there was someone interested in joining the Health Advisory Council. Holly will pass on the coordinators contact information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q: Can Candy Strippers come back?</li> <li>• A: This program no longer exists. There is a volunteer program and students are welcome to participate.</li> <li>• Q: Why do nurses not have specific uniforms? Patients cannot tell the difference between a nurse and other staff.</li> <li>• A: Will bring back this concern.</li> </ul>	<p>Bring forward nursing uniform concerns.</p>
<p><b>2. Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b> May 15, 2018  <b>Time:</b> 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  <b>Location:</b> Peace River Community Health Centre</p>	
<p><b>3. Meeting Evaluation and Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Moved by Lucille to adjourn meeting at 8:00 p.m.</p>	