



## Minutes - Peace Health Advisory Council

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Peace River Community Health Centre

**Council members present:** Lucille Partington (chair), Yvonne Rempel (Vice Chair), Sandy Baker, Judy Brown, Alison Cormack, Gloria Robertson

**AHS:** Shannon Gallant, Stacy Greening, Dr. Karen Lungard, Dr. Mayank Singal, Susan Smith

**Public:** 5

**Regrets:** Laura Hancharuk, Kishor Ojha, Cindy Park, Penny Stone

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
1. <b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Moved by Sandy Baker that the agenda of Tuesday, May 15, 2018 be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b>	
2. <b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Moved by Judy Brown that the minutes of March 20, 2018 be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b>	
3. <b>Presentations</b>  <b>3.1. Peace River Primary Care Network-</b> Jim Jensen, Executive Director	<p>Mr. Jensen provided an update of the Peace River Primary Care Network (PCN) and following are some highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looking to hire a psychologist in Grimshaw, if anyone has any ideas please let Jim know.</li> <li>• The PCN is completing community outreach to get stakeholders' ideas on healthcare issues and better provide services at the PCN.</li> <li>• The PCN has been transitioning to the idea of a "Patient Medical Home". The idea is that every patient in Alberta has a home base. Information is always going back to the General Practitioner as their home base, "Patient Medical Home".</li> </ul> <p>Q: Do you feel that the Patient Medical Home model cuts down on emergency visits?            A: It can as the staff are completing patient screening and file reviews. This informs them when procedures are required. The staff will call patients or bring these procedures up at appointments.</p>	



	<p>Q: How does that include people who don't have family physicians?</p> <p>A: Susan Smith responded that they have recruited two new physicians to Peace River, husband and wife they are away for a year of training. There are also postings to recruit other family physicians which will help with the difficulty finding a family physician in the area. Currently the spots are being filled with locums.</p> <p>Q: What challenges does the PCN have?</p> <p>A: Funding is a struggle in the rural areas because of the geographic distances. Recruitment has also been a challenge.</p> <p>Q: How long has PCN been in place?</p> <p>A: The Peace River PCN has been in place 10 years.</p>	
<p><b>3.2. Cannabis legislation-</b>          Dr. Singal,          Medical          Officer of          Health</p>	<p>Dr. Singal provided an overview on the work that AHS is doing in preparation for the legalization of cannabis and the highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alberta's Cannabis Framework</li> <li>• Public Health priorities</li> <li>• Health effects</li> <li>• Harm reduction and what responsible and lower risk means</li> <li>• Support for municipalities</li> </ul> <p>Q: When RCMP members are busy, who will monitor the amounts of Cannabis individuals are allowed to grow or have with them?</p> <p>A: This is a question for law enforcement or municipalities.</p> <p>Q: Are the schools going to have education sessions?</p> <p>A: AHS is working in collaboration with government to provide education packages for schools and families.</p> <p>Q: How will AHS deal with this on the frontline ex: overdose?</p> <p>A: AHS is currently working on providing education to providers.</p> <p>Q: Who is responsible for booking municipalities for these presentations?</p> <p>A: This information was sent to the municipalities in February and they were asked to reach out if they needed assistance.</p> <p>Q: Has any research completed on whether this will cause an increase in use?</p> <p>A: Colorado can be used as an example and they have seen an increase in prevalence of the product.</p>	



<p><b>3.3. Peace River Primary Care Clinic-</b> Carolyn Kolebaba, Northern Sunrise County Reeve</p>	<p>Reeve Kolebaba provided an update on the Peace River Primary Care Clinic and following are highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They would like to have the clinic finished by the end of 2019.</li> <li>• The Town of Peace River, MD of Peace, Counties of Northern Lights and Northern Sunrise are working together on the project.</li> <li>• AHS will use a portion of the facility. The intent is that doctors will use the space and it will house at least 14 doctors.</li> <li>• This project fits into the role of the County by looking after the social side of the members.</li> <li>• The building will be given to AHS for \$1</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 action items from the March 20, 2018 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set up a tour of the Integrated Crisis and Access Team (ICAT).</li> <li>• Invite PCN to next meeting. Complete.</li> <li>• Request information about how individuals would receive prescriptions from the community paramedic team. Would they call 911 or another number? The Community Paramedic program is accessed by Home Care staff and EMS staff only at this point. The program exists in Grande Prairie Peace River. The community paramedics would work directly with the client’s doctor or the doctor on call for the program to obtain orders for treatments or medications. If a medication is ordered the community paramedic would bring that with them. Complete.</li> <li>• Send out the digital copy of group picture from fall forum. Complete.</li> <li>• Look into if Assured Income for the Severely Handicapped (AISH) covers the cost of ambulance rides. Yes they do. Complete.</li> <li>• Bring forward nursing uniform concerns. Complete.</li> </ul>	<p>Set up a tour of ICAT</p>
<p><b>5. New Business</b></p>		



<p><b>5.1. North Zone Update-</b> Stacy Greening, Senior Operating Officer, QEIRH/ Grande Prairie, Area 9</p>	<p>Stacy Greening provided a full report and the following are the highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Hythe continuing care centre received the highest overall satisfaction in the North Zone and had the most significant increase in the province in the 2018 HQCA report.</li> <li>• The Youth Day program began April 23<sup>rd</sup>.</li> <li>• Leader rounding has been ongoing with a formalization of the process. Managers are talking to patients while they are there and receiving feedback so that they can address concerns while the patient is still in the facility.</li> <li>• There is an opportunity for HACs to partner with AHS by talking to community members about immunizations.</li> </ul> <p>Q: What is AHS' response to the deaths by suicide and attempts in Woodland Cree? A: The Addiction and Mental Health teams are active in the response. They are at the table with partners and engaged in providing support. The team was out on the day of the funeral and are looking at how they can respond with the Indigenous travelling team.</p>	
<p><b>5.2. Physician Resources Update –</b> Susan Smith, Physician Resource Planner</p>	<p>Susan Smith provided a full report and the following are highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thank you to the Peace Regional Health Care Attraction &amp; Retention Committee who supplied food and hosted a lunch for our Family Medicine Residents to showcase Peace River for the upcoming physicians. Also to the South Peace Physician Attraction &amp; Retention Committee who have hosted an event with the Family Medicine Residents in Grande Prairie. Many thanks to Sandy, Lucille, Dr. Van &amp; wife, Dr. Marcotte, as well as Dr. Glen Armstrong who attended the QEII in person, to champion the communities of Beaverlodge/Hythe &amp; Sexsmith, including the catchment of Wembley and Clairmont.</li> <li>• Peace River is working on recruiting three family medicine physicians. There are two doctors incoming in 2019, they are husband and wife.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Peace River is short on doctors, how is this being handled? A: Currently in recruitment mode for Peace River. Q: Is there dermatology in Grande Prairie?</p>	



	<p>A: The dermatologist is on extended maternity leave. The need for a dermatologist has been identified and looking into possible recruitment.</p>	
<p><b>5.3. Chairs Report-</b> Lucille Partington, Chair</p>	<p>Lucille shared her report, some highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The North Zone HAC chairs are getting together in June to meet and talk about similar challenges they have as HACs.</li> <li>• Updates were made to the work plan</li> <li>• Moved by Sandy Baker that the workplan be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></li> <li>• Moved by Judy Brown that the Annual Report be approved, with the following changes: add in a line about the council's participation in webinars and seminars. Three members participated in the Fentanyl information and the Patient Centred Care Film Festival. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b></li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.4 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 Survey- Next Steps</li> <li>• Workplan Approval 2018-2019</li> <li>• Annual Reports</li> <li>• Advisory Councils' Fall Forum Planning Update</li> <li>• Questions for the Fall Forum</li> <li>• Promotion of Tools sample</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.5 Council Roundtable and Good News Stories</b></p>	<p>Following is an overview of the contributions by the council members to the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Judy Brown received a letter from a senior living in the community. The concern was around lack of communication and direction. Stacy Greening asked for the concern to be passed on to her. Judy also shared that foot care is being taken out of senior's centres. Concern that baths are not happening enough according to policy in long term care due to nurses not having enough time. The long term care centre will begin playing videos about dementia for families.</li> <li>• Gloria Robertson also brought up the concern of foot care and that the last time to go will be in June.</li> </ul>	<p>Look into foot care being removed from seniors centres and where it is moving?</p>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sandy Baker shared that there are two teas scheduled in Hythe. One to celebrate Dr. Lee’s life and spread his ashes. The second to celebrate the high marks in the HQCA report.</li> <li>• Alison Cormack shared information on the progress of planning a Mental Health discussion for the community at the library in September.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.6 Voices of the Community</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holly Handfield was present from RhPAP and shared that there will be a skills weekend in Peace River September 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. There will also be skills fairs in McLennan and Fahler in October.          Q: A community member raised a concern that young people with mental health issues are being placed in senior’s centers.          A: Dr. Karen Lundgard responded that these placements are usually temporary until more suitable placement can be found.</li> <li>• Concerns with wait times to see a mental health worker in the school system was brought up. They were concerned about the wait between appointments as well as the differences between school systems.</li> <li>• A member from the Peace Regional Health Care Attraction &amp; Retention Committee shared that they have been trying but they don’t have funding for housing or other programming. They do work to make sure it is a good experience for all potential physicians they meet.</li> <li>• Peace River has two clinics for testing vision. The clinics are struggling to keep eye doctors.</li> <li>• The PCN has been trying to recruit a mental health therapist since November.</li> <li>• The Peace River area is struggling with access for mental health services, this is seen also in the surrounding First Nations.</li> </ul>	<p>Send request for information on placements at senior’s centre</p>
<p><b>6 Date of Next Meeting</b></p>	<p> <b>Date:</b> Sept 18, 2018  <b>Time:</b> 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  <b>Location:</b> Hythe Continuing Care Centre         </p>	
<p><b>7 Meeting Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Moved by Alison Cormack to adjourn meeting at 8:20 p.m.</p>	