



Minutes – True North Health Advisory Council

January 31, 2018 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Fort Vermilion Community Cultural Complex

Council members present: Mike Osborn (Chair), Eric Jorgensen (Vice Chair), Wilma Cardinal, Joyce Fehr, Dan Fletcher, Noreen McAteer, Liane Mercredi, Wally Schroeder

AHS : Dr. Heinrich Brussow, Shannon Dunfield, Shannon Gallant, Shelly Gladue Angie Mann, Mary Mueller

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Regrets: Gord Burnell, Rick Cartier, Mary Janzen, Wendy Ward

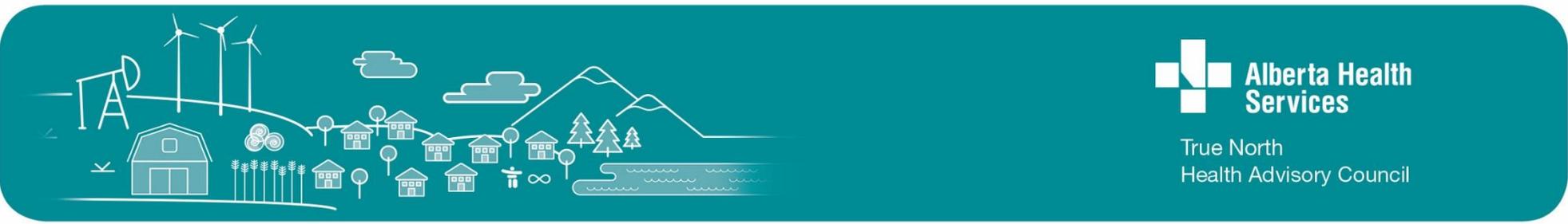
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of Agenda	Moved by Joyce Fehr that the January 31, 2018 agenda be approved with the removal of 5.1 the Primary Care Network report. MOTION CARRIED.	
2. Approval of Minutes	Moved by Wally Schroeder that the November 29, 2017 minutes be approved with the following amendments: 4.0 There is no charge for the Mental Health First Aid Course and it can be offered nationally, not only on reserve. MOTION CARRIED.	
3. Presentations 3.1. Indigenous Health Program – Shannon Dunfield, Manager and Shelly Gladue, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Health, North Zone	Shannon Dunfield introduced herself as the Manager - Indigenous Health, French Health and Diversity Population Public Health North Zone. She is looking forward to working with the communities in the north. Shelly Gladue provided an overview of the Indigenous Health Program (IHP), some highlights included: An explanation of the organization, an overview of the IHP history, the current IHP	



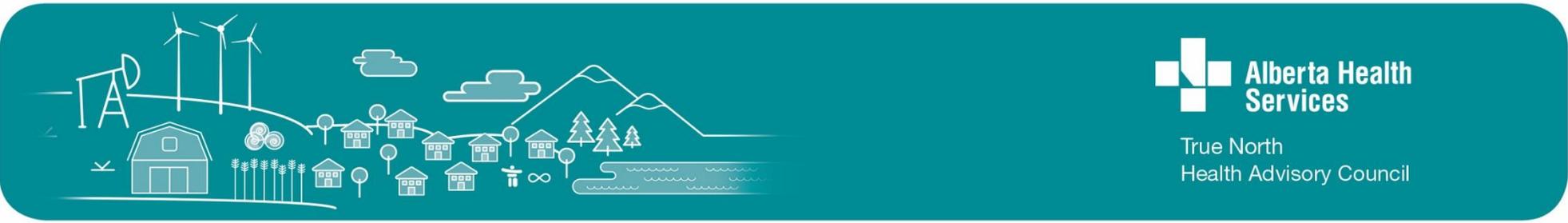
	<p>and IHP Primary Clinics.</p> <p>Shelly discussed addressing racism and encouraging reconciliation in AHS. She also spoke about the Enhancement of Primary Care Services for Indigenous people. The council discussed the benefits and concerns of self-identification. Shelly explained that they are looking at how people will be able to self-identify when they are receiving services and if this will be a part of Connect Care. There was concerns raised about self-identifying and if this will impact treatment. Shelly responded that there is some concern of bias but benefits are also there. This information can be used to enhance care with the feedback from people, communities and nations. The needs will also be captured and this can bring together AHS and the federal government to have a joint plan and work together.</p> <p>The council also shared concerns about fear and language barriers when indigenous people in the region are accessing transportation. Council also shared the importance of midwifery. Council advised more Community Health Representatives are needed in the council area.</p>	<p>Share the Alberta Health Community Profile for each community with members.</p>
<p>3.2. True to the North – report recommendations – Lianne Mercredi and True North HAC members</p>	<p>Liane Mercredi brought copies of the “True to the North” report for the council members. True to the North was a health services integration fund project. The project focused on how do we move forward together?</p> <p>Liane shared that the document aligns in some areas with the HAC work plan. Now that this document has been created it needs to be used as a resource. The council would like to share the document with the other HAC’s.</p>	<p>Mike Osborn will bring copies of the report to the Council of the Chairs meeting.</p> <p>Council to look at ways to align their work plan with the True North recommendations.</p>
<p>3.3. North Peace Tribal Council update</p>	<p>Liane Mercredi gave an update from the North Peach Tribal Council.</p> <p>They are currently participating in a Health Services Integration Fund project. They are working with AHS on “Making it a Better Experience”, for the Indigenous population. They are currently looking at completing cultural competency training for staff working in the area. They are developing a pin that staff who have</p>	



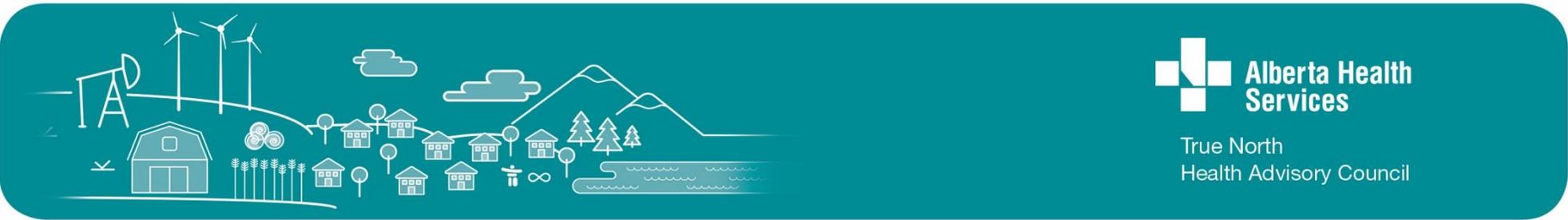
	completed training will be able to wear.	
<p>3.4. AHS Area Update, Angie Mann, Director, Clinical Operations</p>	<p>Ms. Mann provided a full report and following are the highlights from the report:</p> <p>Workforce News:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently, they are unable to find enough locum support for summer vacation. AHS is working on building capacity across the north zone. • There are also RN vacancies in High Level and La Crete that need to be filled. National recruitment is occurring. <p>Major Events and Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is influenza season and flu clinics continue to be offered throughout the True North Region. • The area is taking part in a pilot project. It will be a project around cancer screening and prevention. • The Northwest Health Foundation hosted another successful Festival of Trees fundraising campaign for 2017. The campaign is focused on updating palliative care programs. The next event is the duck race. • There are two vacancies for a Mental Health Therapist and an Addictions counsellor that are being recruited for. • There was a discussion about the tri-partnership with AHS, Northern Lights and the Public School Division. 12 students signed up for the Nurses Aide program this year. The program is expanding to Paddle Prairie. Growth within is the answer to recruitment. • Every patient room has a sleeper chair now, the foundation has approved them for emergency and palliative chair. Every facility in the council area will get new beds by March 31st. 	
<p>4. Old Business</p>		
<p>4.1. Business Arising from Previous Meetings, Mary Mueller, Advisory</p>	<p>Invite Dene Tha' First Nation, Rainbow Lake town council, EMS and Primary Care Network to next meeting in Rainbow Lake. Incomplete. Share link to STI report. Incomplete.</p>	<p>Invite Dene Tha' First Nation, Rainbow Lake town council, EMS and Primary Care Network to</p>



<p>Council Manager, AHS</p>	<p>Mike Osborn to gather further information about costs and support for promotion</p>	<p>next meeting in Rainbow Lake.</p>
	<p>of Mental Health First Aide course. Complete. M. Mueller to share a link to the local population health report. Complete. Dr. Brussow to request report of Hepatitis C in the area. Dr. Brussow provided an update on pre-natal screening. Hepatitis C is not part of pre-natal screening, Hepatitis B is. Complete. Comments from Council: Moved by Eric Jorgensen to contact Verna Yiu about zoonotic diseases on TB cases. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p>Share link to STI report. Chair and Vice Chair to write a Briefing Advisory about funding for an RN Bridging Program. Council to write a letter to AHS real estate planning. Council to write a letter to AHS about Families First program. Develop a letter about Zoonotic diseases.</p>
<p>5. New Business</p>		
<p>5.1. True North HAC Chairs Update - Mike Osborn</p>	<p>Mike circulated a report about mental health staffing reductions in the council area. It compares 2011 staffing to 2017 staffing in mental health. This report was also brought up at the November 29th council meeting and the December 14th Council of Chairs. There was a response at this meeting from Dr. Yiu that there would be follow up. There was a discussion about how there is no suicide watch capacity in the area and that individuals have to be flown out. There was further discussion about mental health services as well as transportation.</p>	
<p>5.2. Physician Recruitment Report Dr. Brussow, Physician Resource Planner, AHS North Zone</p>	<p>Dr. Brussow gave an overview of the physician recruitment report, some of the highlights included: A discussion on physician recruitment in the North. Dr. Brussow explained how it's difficult to have physicians stay in the north after finishing their residency.</p>	<p>Send a letter to the College of Physicians and Surgeons regarding the residency programs for physicians</p>



	<p>Moved by Eric Jorgensen that the HAC support and investigate supporting residency for physicians. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	
<p>5.3. Advisory Council Officer Update Ms. Mary Mueller, Advisory Council Officer</p>	<p>The following list highlights the areas discussed in the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A satisfaction survey for advisory council members will be out this month, • Some expense claims from the fall forum were delayed, • Advisory council fall forum report will be out this month, • Planning with the social media champion will commence in February, • Meeting dates were reviewed with the council, per below. <p>Moved by Joyce Fehr to accept the calendar dates and locations for the True North HAC for the 2018/2019 fiscal year as follows: May 31st, 2018 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Rainbow Lake Community Health Services Sep 26th, 2018 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Paddle Prairie Communiplex Nov 28th, 2018 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Northwest Health Centre Jan 23rd, 2019 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., St. Theresa General Hospital Mar 27, 2019, 2018 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., La Crete Continuing Care MOTION CARRIED.</p> <p>Wilma will be the social media champion. Ms. Mann suggested a board with pictures of each of the members be created to post at each site. Dates of HAC meetings will be provided as well as contact information. This will help spread the word about the HAC. Moved by Joyce Fehr for the council to support the awareness project with Angie Mann. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p>Submit calendar dates for posting on the web.</p> <p>Submit Wilma’s name for social media champion.</p> <p>Coordinator to work with Angie Mann on a display.</p>
<p>5.4. Council Roundtable & Good News Stories</p>	<p>Shannon Dunfield said that HIV North would come up to do Naloxone training in the communities, all they require is money for travel. Lianne volunteered to inquire about the Naloxone training. Joyce said that she was thankful for the privacy barrier at the clinic and that it’s a good step forward, but there still needs to be something to block the sounds. Ms.</p>	



	<p>Mann said that she could look into microphones and also said that the TV should be hooked up soon and will be playing sound.</p> <p>Concerns were brought up about the lack of accessibility at the La Crete Medical Centre as well as at Paddle Prairie. This concern would need to be brought to capital management.</p> <p>Dan said that the Town of High Level received funding for projects in the area. If he could partner with AHS he would investigate correcting the handicap access to the two buildings.</p> <p>Wilma said that the healthcare aide program is coming to Paddle Prairie.</p>	<p>Angie to look into microphones for privacy.</p> <p>Coordinator to invite Facilities Maintenance and Engineering to the meeting in La Crete.</p>
<p>6. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018 Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Location: La Crete Continuing Care Centre, La Crete (location TBD)</p>	
<p>7. Meeting Evaluation and Adjournment</p>	<p>Moved by Eric Jorgensen to end the meeting at 9:13 p.m. MOTION CARRIED</p>	