



True North Health Advisory Council Commitments and Priorities 2021 - 2023

Goals		
Advisory Council Goals	<p>Council will receive regular updates and overview of progress from the Zone Executive Leadership and the AHS board to ensure we are best serving our communities.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build awareness of the Council's roles and responsibilities to the public. • Gather community input, validate it and provide challenges and opportunities in each Council member's area to the AHS local leadership and AHS Board. • Provide opportunities for AHS to work with Councils to share information about AHS healthcare programs and services with communities. • Provide input to healthcare programs, services, or emerging initiatives. 	
Topic	Priorities and Commitments	Tracking
Supporting AHS Recruitment	<p>Council acknowledges the efforts AHS has made and the initiatives it has implemented to improve Recruitment and retention in Area One. However, due to the rural and remote nature of Area One, health professional recruitment and retention still are a challenge.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the development of unique retention initiatives to address these challenges. Including strategies that incorporate non-monetary incentives, along with provide taxable and non-taxable incentives options. • Partner with both AHS management and the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) in this effort. • Support and participate in the development of a video to showcase why it is rewarding to work in Area one. 	<i>Ongoing</i>
Mental Health and Addictions	<p>Council has identified Mental Health and Addictions as a priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with the AHS Mental Health and Addictions team as well as community partners to promote resources and services available to the community. 	By Fall 2021



<p>Indigenous Relations</p>	<p>Council has identified Indigenous Relations as a priority in our Council area.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with an Indigenous Wellness Core to host a community event to listen to the community, create awareness of the HAC, provide opportunities to engage with and gather public feedback about health services. • Meet with Chief and Councils to build relationships with Indigenous communities in our Council area. • Partner with AHS and the Wisdom Council to promote local resources. • Hold one Council meeting in an Indigenous community by June 2023. 	<p>Ongoing</p>
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