



## Minutes – Cancer Provincial Advisory Council

Saturday September 15, 2018 8:30am – 12:00pm | Tactic 3 Room, Aloft Calgary University (2359 Banff Trail NW) Calgary AB

**Council members present:** Dr. Tony Fields (Chair), Dr. Margaret Churcher (Vice-Chair), Varinder Bhullar, Bryson Brown, Andrea DeYoung, Ernie Grach, Kenneth Landry, Patti Morris, George Andrews

**AHS:** Nancy Guebert, Dr. Paula Robson, Janine Sakatch

**Public:** Zero

**Regrets:** Leanne Anderson, Dr. Heather Bryant, Tim Buckland, Chelsea Draeger, Angeline Letendre, Lorelee Marin

	<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
1.0	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	Varinder Bhullar moved that the September 15, 2018 agenda be approved. Seconded by George Andrews. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b>	
2.0	<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	Approval of the June 23, 2018 minutes were deferred.	
3.0	<b>Presentations</b>		
3.1	<b>AB Cancer Foundation Overview</b>	<p>The current Alberta Cancer Foundation (ACF) strategic goals are focused on outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diagnose cancer earlier (eg. biomarker research)</li> <li>• Improve the effectiveness of cancer treatments (eg. clinical trials)</li> <li>• Improve quality of care and the life for patients and families (eg. patient financial assistance program)</li> <li>• Reduce the risk of developing cancer</li> </ul> <p>The ACF recognizes the importance of fostering relationships, developing linkages, and being grounded in the community.</p> <p>An overview on the ACF strategies for fund development, the progress made to date, and the plan to move forward were discussed.</p>	

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		<p>It is important to always keep the big picture in view and why we do what we do. No matter where in the province someone faces cancer and no matter what type of cancer, the ACF wants to be able to say “we will help”. This promise is to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancer patients and families</li> <li>• Alberta Health Services and CancerControl AB</li> <li>• People of Alberta</li> <li>• Support the Research Community</li> <li>• ACF Staff Investment</li> </ul>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Quarterly Report Updates</b>		
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Governance and Council of Chairs</b>	<p>Council of Chairs webinar took place on September 10<sup>th</sup> to discuss the advisory council satisfaction survey results.</p> <p>The Advisory Council Fall Forum is scheduled for October 26/27 in Edmonton. Members were encouraged to attend.</p>	
<b>4.2</b>	<b>CancerControl Alberta</b>	<p><u>CancerControl Realignment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• North and south leadership positions in place.</li> <li>• Data portfolios, Health Services Research, and Patient Reported Outcomes (PRO) have been aligned under CCA Research</li> </ul> <p><u>Supportive Care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leads for Supportive Care North and South are in place.</li> <li>• Jill Turner and Laura Labelle have started to look at the appropriate positioning of the new investment supportive care positions.</li> <li>• Jill Turner and Laura Labelle will attend a future meeting to present their plans for the portfolio.</li> </ul> <p><u>Uplift of Investments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CancerControl was asked to identify unmet clinical demand within the program. Several new oncologist positions were approved as part of this proposal. Recruitment is currently underway.</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CancerControl was also asked to submit a proposal related to reducing out of window wait times for cancer surgeries. Funding was approved based on 80% of patients post cancer surgery will require cancer treatment. Reporting is submitted to AB Health on a monthly basis on how wait times are being impacted.</li> </ul> <p><u>Calgary Cancer Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project is still on schedule and budget and is at the 75% stage of design and build.</li> </ul> <p><u>Grande Prairie Cancer Project</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project is on pause until a new contractor is in place.</li> <li>• Awaiting on direction from Alberta Health Services (Capital Management), Alberta Infrastructure, and Alberta Health.</li> </ul> <p><u>Dental Services to Cancer Patients</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback received has been appreciated.</li> <li>• Leadership will be made aware of the importance of having accessible and timely services for cancer patients requiring dental services.</li> </ul> <p><u>CAR-T Cell Therapy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cellular therapy (including CAR T-cell therapy) provides treatment to patients who have not responded to other types of treatment for hematologic cancers.</li> <li>• Clinical trials are the appropriate approach for determining the safety, efficacy and impact of cellular therapy.</li> <li>• The Alberta Hematology-Oncology community is well positioned to be a Canadian leader in cellular therapy, and has the expertise to run clinical trials to assess a ‘made in Alberta’ CAR T-cell therapy solution.</li> <li>• Ongoing discussions are taking place with various stakeholders including AB Health and the AB Cancer Foundation.</li> </ul> <p><u>Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direction setting meeting occurred in June.</li> <li>• A steering group is being established to provide oversight and direction in the development and implementation of an AYA cancer program in AHS.</li> </ul>	

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		<p><u>PRO Symposium</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The goal of this symposium is raise awareness of the importance of using patient reported outcomes (PRO) in cancer and to provide our clinicians and staff the tools to implement and use PRO in all our centres.</li> </ul> <p><u>Indigenous Cancer Strategy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A proposal was submitted to Canadian Partnership on Cancer (CPAC) with two areas of focus; a) development of an Indigenous Cancer Strategy for Alberta in partnership with First Nations, Metis, and Inuit people and b) practice change in the transitions of care after curative treatment.</li> </ul>	
4.3	<b>Cancer Strategic Clinical Network Core Committee</b>	<p><u>Accelerating the Diagnosis of Cancer</u></p> <p>This initiative aims to address delays experienced by patients with highly suspicious findings and implement effective symptom assessment and triage. This will be achieved through implementation of facilitated diagnosis pathways.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First step was to engage the Institute of Health Economics to understand what solutions have been adopted in other jurisdictions. In Alberta, foundational work to expedite diagnostic work-up for lung, breast, and prostate cancer has been successfully implemented.</li> <li>A co-design committee with patients was assembled to develop a proposal for the Health Innovation Implementation and Spread Fund and a provincial plan to address diagnostics delays for most cancers. This proposal scales these innovations beginning with colorectal cancer (2350 new cases/year) and lymphoma (850/year).</li> <li>The research team worked collaboratively with coordinators of the Patient and Family Advisor Network (CCA) to conduct a qualitative interview study. The goal of the study was to explore perceptions and experiences of patients and family members in the cancer pre-diagnosis period. Analysis of the interviews and report writing are currently underway.</li> </ul>	

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		<p><u>Genetics and Hereditary Cancer</u>  The goal of this project is to implement the Mainstreaming model to expedite access to cancer genetic testing (a model that was originally researched and developed in the United Kingdom). The project team is standardizing processes, developing patient education materials and designing a measurement framework to ensure a fully provincial model is in place. The initial rollout will be to Ovarian cancer clinic patients and that will occur in spring 2019.</p> <p>The <u>Provincial Breast Health Initiative</u> continues to improve care for breast cancer patients with an initial mandate to target 3 areas (Same-Day Mastectomy Pathway, Diagnostic Assessment Pathway, Breast Reconstruction) for improvement, supported by refreshed education materials and a provincial measurement framework.</p> <p>Preliminary work is underway to <u>understand cancer patients going to EDs</u> who are undergoing or have just completed cancer treatment. A cross country scan is currently being done of other centres in Canada and how they are managing this.</p> <p>Next Cancer Strategic Clinical Network Core Committee meeting is scheduled for late October.</p>	
4.4	<b>Advisory Council Coordinator Update</b>	<p>The Community Engagement of the Board would like to hear from you on what the most <u>important issues or concerns</u> system wide are for the provincial advisory council. These items will be reported quarterly to the board committee.</p> <p>Two items brought forward by council members were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long wait times from the identification of a positive FIT test to the consultation with a specialist</li> <li>• Timely access for cancer patients to dental services needed as a result of cancer treatment</li> </ul>	

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		<p>Part of the Advisory Councils' Communication plan is the <u>profiling of our members</u>. These profiles will be promoted across different channels (eg. social media, posters, internal newsletters).</p> <p>There is an opportunity to strengthen the support for and followers of the advisory councils' Facebook and Twitter accounts. A webinar is scheduled for October 10<sup>th</sup> with the <u>social media champions</u> to discuss the purpose of the role, goals of the group, gaps and opportunities, an action plan and next steps. The designated social media champions for the Cancer PAC are Varinder Bhullar and Andrea DeYoung.</p> <p>Tracking of member <u>participation in zone, provincial, portfolio or community committees</u> is needed to be done as part of an annual audit.</p>	<p><b>Members to let Laura Lee know if they would like to participate.</b></p> <p><b>Members were encouraged to follow AHS Advisory Council on Facebook and Twitter.</b></p> <p><b>Members to provide Laura Lee Clarke with a list of the committees in which they are involved.</b></p>
<p><b>5.0</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b></p>	<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p><b>Community Engagement Update</b></p>	<p><u>Advisory Councils Fall Forum</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agenda is close to being finalized with the focus on “What Matters to You – A Wellness Conversation”. Two themes for the forum: a) Enhancing Care in the Community and b) Addictions and Mental Health.</li> </ul> <p><u>AHS 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 10, 2019</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Want to hear stories from staff, physicians, volunteers recognizing milestones and the difference AHS has made in the lives of Albertans over the last 10 years.</li> <li>• A series of community conversations (10) in each zone will be occurring which will spotlight community programs that are contributing to wellness.</li> </ul> <p><u>Together4Health</u> is an online engagement platform that will provide a one stop shop for Albertans to participate in and provide feedback on current projects using a range of online feedback tools including surveys, discussion forums, storytelling, and idea generation. The launch of this tool is expected in October.</p>	

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5.2	<b>2019 Cancer PAC Meeting Dates</b>	Meeting dates for 2019 were reviewed. Dates are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• March 16 - Calgary</li> <li>• June 15 - Edmonton</li> <li>• September 14 - Calgary</li> <li>• December 14 - Edmonton</li> </ul>	<b>Any conflicts with these dates should be forwarded to Laura Lee Clarke as soon as possible.</b>
5.3	<b>Cancer PAC – Who We Are</b>	A preliminary discussion occurred on the one page document which highlights “Who We Are” and the accomplishments of the Cancer PAC.	<b>Members were asked to review and provide feedback to Laura Lee Clarke</b>
6.0	<b>Standing Items</b>		
6.1	<b>Cancer PAC Workplan</b>	The 2018-19 Cancer PAC Workplan was reviewed and discussed.	
6.2	<b>Cancer PAC Members – Appointments, Renewals, and Resignations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewal of third term for Tim Buckland and Varinder Bhullar will go forward for Board approval on September 20<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• One member’s term will expire at the end of September 2018.</li> <li>• Three members will have completed their full term at the end of September 2019.</li> <li>• Dr. Fields as the Chair will have completed his full term at the end of September 2019. It was suggested that Dr. Churcher move into the Chair role and recruitment for the Vice Chair role takes place.</li> <li>• Martin Dugas is interested in representing Wellspring Edmonton on the council.</li> <li>• A joint recruitment with the HACs will take place in the spring to fill the upcoming vacancies.</li> </ul>	<b>A succession planning meeting to be arranged with Community Engagement, Nancy Guebert, Dr. Matthew Parliament, and Dr. Tony Fields.</b>

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6.3	<b>Council Roundtable</b>	<p><u>Bryson Brown</u> is a family representative on the PRO Symposium Planning Committee. Involved in work related to Real World Evidence which is an extension of PCODr.</p> <p><u>Ernie Grach</u> – very appreciative of this committee and honored to be a member. Will be presenting to the Bigstone Cree Nation on Cancer PAC activities.</p> <p><u>Patti Morris</u> – participating on the Integrative Oncology Steering Committee being led by Dr. Linda Carlson. Once this initiative develops, Patti will share some information.</p> <p><u>Varinder Bhullar</u> – Involved in summer camps for approximately 600 youth with the goal of staying active as well also involved in planning Saturday programs for families (parents and children).</p>	<b>Laura Lee Clarke with support from Community Engagement to develop a presentation template and a support Tool Box for members to use.</b>
6.4	<b>Community Engagement \$5k Activities</b>	No new items to report or approve.	
6.5	<b>Future Agenda Topics/ Presentations/Tours</b>	Item was deferred due to insufficient time.	
7.0	<b>Adjournment</b>	Meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm.	
8.0	<b>Next Meeting</b>	Saturday, December 15, 2018 Edmonton AB – TBD	