



Addiction & Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council Meeting Summary

March 13th, 2020, 5:00-8:00p.m. via teleconference

*Meeting Summary is DRAFT and subject to approval at the next meeting of the
Addiction & Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council*

Introducing your Addiction & Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council members:

In attendance: Dr. Geoff Tagg (Chair), Ariel Haubrich, Bavie Sara, Candice Horne, Denise Lambert, Diane MacNaughton, Emily Macphail, Kaj Korvela, Lindy Fors, Terry O’Riordan, Timena Osborne

Alberta Health Services: Dr. Nick Mitchell, David O’Brien, Janine Sakatch, Crystal Stewart

Regrets: Dr. Austin Mardon, Barbara Murray, Karen Andresen, Monique Maisonneuve

Community Input

6 community members attended this meeting.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Dr. Geoff Tagg and opened with Acknowledgement of Traditional Lands by Lindy Fors.

Welcome to members pending:

- North Zone Rhonda Robinson, Tyla Savard
- Edmonton Zone: Ed Brown, Sandra Sjogren
- Central Zone: Alan Carter; Sandra Badry (regrets)
- South Zone: Kristi Edwards

AHS Addiction & Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council Agenda March 13th, 2020 accepted as circulated.

AHS Addiction & Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council Meeting Summary December 4th/5th, 2019 accepted as circulated.



Council Business

- Chair Recommendation and Vice Chair Nomination:

Terry (Terence) O’Riordan was the only self-nomination for Chair.

Recommend Terry O’Riordan to AHS Board for appointment to Addiction & Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council Chair role for 2-year term June 1st, 2020 through May 31st, 2022: MOTION – Kaj Korvela / SECOND – Bavié Sara / OBJECTIONS – None. MOTION CARRIED.

Emily Macphail was the only self-nomination for Vice Chair.

Nominate Emily Macphail for Addiction & Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council Vice Chair role for 2-year term June 1st 2020 through May 31st, 2022: MOTION – Ariel Haubrich / SECOND – Denise Lambert / OBJECTIONS – None. MOTION CARRIED.

Crystal Stewart will prepare required documentation and submit to AHS Community Engagement for process to AHS Board meeting June 3rd, 2020.

- Council reviewed Top Concerns document providing input as required. Crystal Stewart will provide update to AHS Community Engagement for provision to AHS Community Engagement Committee of the AHS Board.
- Crystal Stewart placed a call for volunteers to assist with refresh of the Addiction & Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council Work Plan for 2020/2021. The following put their names forward: Emily Macphail; Ariel Haubrich; Kristi Edwards; Alan Carter; Tyla Savard; Rhonda Robinson; Ed Brown.
- Response to Letter to Mental Health and Addiction Advisory Council received via email February 27th, 2020; provided in meeting package. The Co-Chairs of the Mental Health and Addictions Advisory Council thanked the Addiction & Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council for the letter of introduction and indicated they would reach out to AMH PAC as appropriate following learning phase and determination of purpose and focus.

Chair’s Report

Council Chair, Dr. Geoff Tagg, shared the Council of Chairs met Friday, February 21st via teleconference:

- Highlights on new agreement with physicians; funding announcement for Peter Lougheed Hospital in Calgary; 30-day response to Ernst & Young AHS Review Final Report and Recommendations.
- HAC 2.0 overview provided.
- There will no Advisory Councils’ Forum in 2020; timing will shift to Spring in 2021.
- Recent Satisfaction Survey and Top Concerns discussed. Both continue to be works in progress with changes to come.
Dr. Verna Yiu, AHS President and CEO addressed queries, many related to uncertainties surrounding health care funding.



Council Activities Updates

Council members participating at committee and working group tables provided update on the following:

- AHS Provincial Addiction Counselling Practice Group
- AHS AMH Provincial Youth Addiction & Mental Health Advisory Council
- AHS Provincial Addiction Curricula & Experiential Skills Training Initiative
- AHS AMH Advisory Group: Harm Reduction for Psychoactive Substance Use Policy
- AHS AMH SCN™ PRIHS 6 Grant Review

AHS Addiction & Mental Health Update

Provincial Addiction & Mental Health, Community Seniors Addiction & Mental Health
Senior Medical Director Addiction & Mental Health Dr. Nick Mitchell

Updates to Council were provided on the following Provincial Addiction & Mental Health activities:

- Enhancing Community Capacity
- CRISM Youth Opioid Project
- Problematic Use of Digital Technology Toolkit
- Community Services Integration Grant
- Mental Health Act
- CanREACH

Addiction & Mental Health Strategic Clinical Network™

Senior Medical Director Addiction & Mental Health Dr. Nick Mitchell

Updates to Council were provided on the following AMH SCN™ activities:

- Transformational Roadmap Refresh
- e-Mental Health
- Research Hub
- Virtual Supervised Consumption
- School Mental Health

AHS Advisory Council Update

Coordinator, Crystal Stewart

- Council members are encouraged to visit www.ahs.ca/COVID for current information related to novel coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in Alberta, FAQs, and information for Albertans and Health Professionals. Link to AHS COVID-19 Online Screening available. Council members are encouraged to share with website with respective networks.



- The Forum normally held in October will be shifted to spring 2021.
- HAC 2.0 will present to a future AMH PAC meeting.

Addiction & Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council Retrospective

Senior Medical Director Addiction & Mental Health Dr. Nick Mitchell

Dr. Geoff Tagg opened the discussion sharing correspondence from Provincial Addiction & Mental Health Executive Director Barry Andres regarding his impending retirement in May 2020, in alignment with the transition of several of the current Council members. Barry expressed gratitude for sage advice from Council on policies under development or new services and initiatives being considered, noting Albertans receive better care as a result. Well wishes and thanks for contributions of ‘retiring’ members were shared, with a note of AHS anticipation for new members’ input on opportunities to improve the AMH care Albertans receive.

Dr. Nick Mitchell spoke to the incredible engagement of AMH PAC in shaping AHS AMH policy; responding to SCN AMH research calls; and assistance with improving AMH services provision and expressed thanks to the departing members.

Member retiring Bavié Sara expressed desire for addiction and mental health to be recognized in the same way as physical health. Bavié noted a learning was the time required to achieve system-level change. Hope was expressed for better integration of Ministries; improved MH/A education in schools. Bavié thanked Geoff for being a great Chair and advocate and noted having made several life-long friendships through Council.

David O’Brien expressed thanks for the time and shared experience of Council members, and especially to Geoff who has been an incredible leader – Geoff has kept the course and deserves recognition for Council’s achievements.

Anyone interested in applying to the AHS Addiction & Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council can do so through the [AHS website](#).

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