



Minutes - David Thompson Health Advisory Council

May 10th 2018 1 pm – 4 pm Three Hills Health Centre, 340-1504 2nd St N, Three Hills AB - Activity Room

Council Members: Sandy Doze (Chair), Marie Cornelson, Heather Donald, Terry Johnston, Melanie Hassett, Janice Lockhart, Robert Long, Carole Tkach, Kim Walton

Alberta Health Services: Maya Atallah, Kerry Bales (dialed in), Dr. Daniel Edgcumbe, Allan Sinclair

Public:

Regrets: Phyllis Loewen (Vice Chair), Deryl Comeau, Debra Murphy, Faith Pilgrim

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
1. Approval of Agenda	Moved by Janice Lockhart that the agenda of Thursday, May 10 th , 2018 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.	
2. Approval of Minutes	Moved by Carol Tkach that the minutes of Thursday, March 8 th , 2018 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.	
3. Presentations		
3.1 Cannabis Legalization Dr. Ifeoma Achebe – <i>Medical Officer of Health, Community Medicine</i>	Dr. Ifeoma Achebe, Medical Officer of Health for the Central Zone, presented on the pending Cannabis (marijuana) legislation. Some of the highlights were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Alberta Cannabis Framework. - Public Health concerns. - Health effects of cannabis use. Question about the presentation: Q: What is the time frame for the Cannabis legalization? A: Cannabis will be legalized between late summer of 2018 or early September.	

	<p>Q: Why has the legal age been set as 18 years of age? A: The provincial government set the age at 18 following several considerations.</p> <p>Q: What is the percentage of people using medical cannabis? A: 48% of Albertans have used in their lifetime, 92% started between 10-24yrs of age, of that 92%, 61% started use between 15-19yrs of age. 42% of men reported using more than once vs. 32% of women reported using more than once, which was a difference of 10% between sexes.</p> <p>Q: How strong is the evidence behind the medical benefits of marijuana? A: The evidence surrounding the benefits of medical marijuana is weak. Go to the Alberta website and search medical cannabinoids to find out more.</p> <p>Q: Is there any regulations for an employer to do employee screening and drug testing? A: For now the answer is no, but Alberta Workplace Safety is working on regulations around use at work in preparation for the legalization.</p> <p>Q: Do you currently need a prescription to get access to cannabis? A: Yes you will need a prescription to get access to medical cannabis.</p>	
<p>3.2 EMS Transportation Information Keri Huot - EMS Operations Manager</p>	<p>A presentation was made by Central Zone Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Manager Keri Huot. The presentation was on Non-Ambulance Transport and covered topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What is Non-Ambulance Transport (NAT)? - Central Zone Coverage Area - Guidelines to using service <p>Questions about the presentation:</p> <p>Q: Will Alberta Health Services cover NAT transports? A: All transportations from AHS approved facilities are covered. The AHS approved facilities are listed on the Alberta Health website.</p> <p>Q: Would the NAT units go beyond their 100 km radius? A: Yes They have gone outside of the 100 km radius. The more the units are being utilized the more there is a chance of expanding the program.</p>	

	<p>Q: Can someone get bumped?</p> <p>A: NAT Transportations are booked through the on-line iRequest program or by calling the IFT number on a first come first serve bases.</p> <p>Q: Do the NAT units go outside the central zone?</p> <p>A: There are only 3 NAT units at this time and primarily pick up patients that are in the central zone however they may pick up patients in another zone and return them back to their hospital in central zone after their appointment is completed.</p>	
4. Old Business		
<p>4.1 Business Arising from March 8th, 2018</p> <p>Maya Atallah – Advisory Council Coordinator</p>	<p>The Rural Pilot Project is still in the planning stages and we are unable to publicly share more than the sites that have been selected to be part of the pilot. Complete</p> <p>Carol Tkach will send Maya Atallah information on the Men at Work Program. Pending</p> <p>Maya Atallah to connect Marie Cornelson with Foundations Relations persona. Complete</p> <p>Maya Atallah will look into previously approved promotional items. Complete</p> <p>Maya Atallah to send future meeting dates to council members. Complete</p>	
5. New Business		
<p>5.1 Council Member Roundtable & Voices of the Community</p>	<p>Kim Walton – Kim shared that in Sundre seniors placement is still being worked out. There seems to be access to beds but an uncertainty of how to utilize them. Sundre is also working to recruit nurses to come live and work in the community.</p> <p>Marie Cornelson – Marie shared that Drayton Valley’s wait time is for patients to be put in an active treatment bed or along- term bed as well as getting seen in the emergency room.</p> <p>Robert Long – Bob shared that access to specialized doctors in Three Hills for mental health and seniors care is needed.</p> <p>Heather Donald – Shared that the Sylvan Lake community is primarily focused and excited for the opening of the Advanced ambulatory Care Center on June 4, 2018.</p> <p>Carole Tkach – Carole shared that in Coronation transportation and waits times for ambulance services as well as mental health resources is a concern for the community.</p> <p>Terry Johnston – Terry expressed that transportation in and out of Hanna is difficult in the community. Single moms, low income families, and, seniors who do not have anyone to</p>	

	<p>drive them are some of the population that cannot afford to pay for transportation outside of Hanna and therefore are requesting health services be brought back to Hanna.</p> <p>Janice Lockhart – Janice shared that Wetaskiwin community is excited for the opening of Points West Living which is expected to open in the summer of 2018. Points West Living will have both independent and designated supportive living residents. Janice attended the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPaP) conference in Brooks on April 10 -12, 2018 and it was a great success.</p>	
<p>5.2 Central Zone Executive Leadership Update</p> <p>– Kerry Bales, Chief Zone Officer, North (Central) Zone</p> <p>– Allan Sinclair, Senior Operating Officer, Red Deer & South Area (Interim), Central Zone</p> <p>- Dr. Daniel Edgcumbe, Medical Director, Central Zone</p>	<p>Kerry Bales provided a report on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussions throughout the entire organization including the board have been well received regarding the Zone Health Plan and Business Plan. The various issues that have been brought up in the rural communities in the past couple years are being considered and discussions with rural communities around service design is starting to happen. The plan is now going to the government and Minister of Health and once Alberta Health Services receives feedback, the next steps will be to start having discussions with the communities in the fall. <p>Allan Sinclair provided a report on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The opening of the Sylvan Lake Advanced Ambulatory Care Center is expected for June 4, 2018. - The importance of education and consistency of messaging when it comes to mental health awareness in the communities. Acceptance and awareness are driving factors to more individuals seeking the needed help. When there is a greater need/demand for a service, funding and resources becoming available. This is what we are seeing today compared to years ago. - Connect Care will allow Alberta Health Services to track quality and cost of care and from an administration point of view, this is a very valuable component especially for planning. Clinical data will be more accurate so that we can compare service levels within facilities. We can analyze the positive practices and their outcomes and see if we can use similar practices at other sites. <p>Dr. Daniel Edgcumbe provided a report on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He is looking forward to more discussions and engagement with the rural communities around the Zone Health Plan and Business Plan. 	<p>Dr. Daniel Edgcumbe will provide a contact list of who from Alberta Health Services is the point of contact for each rural area.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - He mentioned that when recruiting physicians, they are hired based on the service need in the area not on the location of where they prefer to live. The need for service is evaluated and based on the statistics that is gathered. He mentions when hiring a new physician or when one physician is moving to another location, Alberta Health Services tries to ensure transition and transparency between communities is keep. <p>Questions for Alberta Health Services from council members:</p> <p>Q: Site managers used to be able to make decisions on the sites that they manage, why has that ability been taken away from them?</p> <p>A: Site Managers have some authority to make decisions however, it depends on the type of decision that needs to be made. Alberta Health Services is moving towards a more centralized decision-making process to ensure consistency throughout the province. This also ensures more equity and cost efficiency for the system.</p> <p>Q: How do the access levels work with Connect Care?</p> <p>A: Everyone within Alberta Health Services and patients will have access to Connect Care. However, everyone has different levels of what they will be able to view. Patient information access will only be given to the care team. Personal demographics will be available to everyone through a figure called MyChart. This access will eliminate possible test duplications. Private practice physicians will not have access to this information.</p>	
<p>5.3 Report from the Chair - Sandy Doze, Chair</p>	<p>Sandy Doze provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kim Walton has resigned from David Thompson Health Advisory Council. - Shared what the identified community priorities are for DTHAC. - AHS Continuing Care presentation for members of the public in Central Zone was held on April 25, 2018 from 1-4pm from a site in Red Deer and was shared virtually to numerous video conference sites located in AHS facilities across the zone. There were ten HAC members and thirty five members' of the public present. - A letter to Alberta Health and Central Zone MLA's requesting funding for Nurse Practitioners in rural communities will be sent out on behalf of the David Thompson Health Advisory council. 	

<p>6. Advisory Council Coordinator Update, Maya Atallah, Advisory Council Coordinator</p>	<p>Maya Atallah provided a full report. Following are the highlights</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advisory Council Satisfaction Survey next steps - Advisory Council’s Fall Forum Planning Updates - Requested from council members to provide some questions on what governance and what operations questions they may have for Alberta Health Services by mid-June. - Spoke about promotional tools and presented a one page summary of what Health Advisory Council is oppose to a brochure format what was previously used. 	<p>Maya Atallah will set up a teleconference with all the David Thompson Health Advisory Council to discuss and finalize the work plan for 2018/2019 and the annual report for 2017/2018.</p>
<p>7. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Date: Thursday September 13, 2018 Time: 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Location: Consort Hospital & Care Centre, Education Room 5402 52 Ave, Consort AB T0C 1B0</p>	
<p>8. Meeting Evaluation and Adjournment</p>	<p>Moved by Robert Long to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m.</p>	