



Building a better health system with the voice of our community

Where we are

The David Thompson Health Advisory Council covers a number of areas including Red Deer, from Consort in the East to Rocky Mountain House in the west, from Hanna in the south to Drayton Valley in the north and all areas in between.



Accomplishments

- Presented with the Addictions and Mental Health Strategic Team on:
 - Advanced Care Planning/Goals of Care - palliative care overview
 - Initiatives related to justice within Mental Health.
- Engaged with AHS on the following topics: COVID-19 and vaccine rollout, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) listening sessions, facility-based continuing care, influenza campaign and cardiac service planning.
- Participation in a Shared Decision Making (SDM) focus group with the AHS Improving Health Outcomes Together (IHOT) Team. Provided input on current state, challenges, implementation opportunities of SDM and the role it plays in clinical appropriateness.
- Partnered with AHS to host a [Community Conversation](#) in Wetaskiwin (2019). Stakeholders engaged in discussion about healthcare successes, challenges and opportunities for future partnerships.
- Participation on the Central Zone Healthcare Planning committee and the Sylvan Lake Ambulatory Care Centre implementation committee.

Our role and objectives

Everything we do is about improving the health and wellness of Albertans, no matter what part of the province they live in. We:

- Are a group of volunteers focused on listening to your thoughts and ideas on health services to help AHS enhance care locally and province-wide.
- Develop partnerships between the province's diverse communities and AHS.
- Provide feedback about what is working well within the healthcare system and suggest areas for improvement.
- Promote opportunities for members of our local communities to get engaged.

Join us - your voice matters

There are a number of opportunities to participate:

- Attend an [upcoming Council meeting](#) to hear feedback, offer comments, and ask questions.
- [Make a presentation](#) at our Council meeting on a health area of interest or concern to you.
- Bring your community's voice forward to provide input on local and regional health.
- Volunteer your time as a Council member. Recruitment is ongoing throughout the year until a Council is at maximum membership. Members are appointed for a three-year term.
- Share your feedback with Council: DavidThompson@ahs.ca.



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