



## Frequently Asked Questions

### How long is the recruitment drive?

Recruitment for Advisory Councils runs until all vacancies are filled. An interview and screening process will occur and once selected, new member appointments are forwarded to the AHS Board for approval.

### What criteria are used in the selection process of new members?

We strive to appoint council members who reflect the rich diversity of Alberta's population. In addition, members must:

- be 18 and over
- demonstrate an interest in healthcare in Alberta
- multiple contacts or networks in your community to ensure multiple perspectives are gathered
- reside in the council area for which you are applying
- undergo a criminal record check
- commit to meeting five times per year at locations throughout their zones

### How do I become a Health Advisory Council member?

Complete an [Expression of Interest](#) form and return it to [community.engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca). More information can be found on our [website](#), or toll-free at 1.877.275.8830.

### How long would I serve on a council?

Each term is three years, to a maximum of six years or two terms.

### What is the time commitment to sit on council?

Each council holds a minimum of five meetings in a year. These generally occur in January, March, May, September and November but can fluctuate as per each council's preference.

When opportunity presents itself, many members choose to sit on other committees related to health services, and bring that information back to their respective council. Engagement opportunities arise throughout the year, and each council determines what is most suitable, based on their goals and objectives.

### What are the responsibilities of a member?

- Act in an advisory capacity to Alberta Health Services, by providing feedback on specific issues and initiatives
- Gather information from your community and provide that local perspective to AHS on the province-wide health care system
- Promote and participate in engagement activities that contribute to health care services in Alberta
- Attend five council meetings
- Participate in discussion with AHS leadership about what is working well in health services and where there are areas for improvement

### Do members get paid to be part of council?

These are voluntary positions. That said, when out-of-pocket expenses are incurred as the result of council activity, members will be reimbursed as per current Government of Alberta rates.