



Alberta Health
Services
Greater Edmonton
Health Advisory Council

Minutes – Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council

September 10, 2019/ 6 pm – 9 pm / Stan Woloshyn Building – 205 Diamond Avenue Spruce Grove, AB – Boardroom

Council Members: Anahi Johnson (Chair), Sharon Brintnell, Fahim Hassan, Floyd House, Jahnavel Schez Norguez, Shirley Munro, Nazert Russon, Nicholas Polturak, Janice Willier

Alberta Health Services: Maya Atallah, Deb Gordon, Dr. Chris Sikora, Dr. David Zygun, two residents with Dr. Chris Sikora

Public: Two

Regrets: Victor Do, Iqra Nazir, Pat Brooks, Teresa O’Riordan Edith Baraniecki

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
1. Approval of Agenda	Moved by Floyd House that the agenda of Tuesday, September 10, 2019, be approved. MOTION CARRIED.	
2. Approval of Minutes	Moved by Sharon Brintnell that the minutes of Tuesday, May 14, 2019, be approved. MOTION CARRIED	
3. Presentations		
3.1. Indigenous Health <i>Carol Carifelle-Brzezicki</i> <i>Provincial Director, North Population, Public and Indigenous Health</i>	A presentation was made by the Provincial Director, North of the Population, Public and Indigenous Health Program, Carol Carifelle-Brzezicki. Her presentation includes the following topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous Health Program in the North. • Last year’s overview report on the Indigenous Health Program, from 2018-2019. • The mandate of the program. • The goal is to support a customized healthcare approach for Indigenous ways within AHS, to increase the quality of health for Indigenous patients and family-centered care and to increase the development of partnerships and relationships through more education. 	

<p><i>Program</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional services available through AHS include Cultural competency, Indigenous Cultural Helpers in Edmonton Zone, Indigenous Wellness Clinic, Additions and Mental Health, Indigenous Cancer Patient Navigator and Indigenous Music Therapy. <p>Questions from the Council/community for Carol: Q: What is being done to increase the number of Indigenous physicians? A: The Faculty of Medicine is looking into administration requirements to recruit Indigenous physicians.</p>	
<p>4. Old Business</p>		
<p>4.1. Business Arising from the May 14th Meeting</p>	<p>Maya Atallah provided an update about the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of AHS what it is and what it does, Deb Gordon suggested giving the presentation to GEHAC. Pending <p>Moved by Sharon Brintnell to ratify an electronic approval that all expenses be paid for Nazret Russon to attend the Early Onset Dementia Alberta Foundation - Building Dementia Awareness Conference on October 3th – 5th in Edmonton, that was previously electronically moved by Fahim Hassan on August 14, 2019. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	
<p>5. New Business</p>		
<p>5.1. Voices of the Community</p>	<p>An Integrated Supports Coordinator from Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) shared information about some of its programs. Pathwayshome helps deal with homelessness and poverty. New Beginnings is an Indigenous engagement improvement strategy that addresses ways to remove barriers and strengthen relationships with urban Indigenous people. Senior Services is responsible for the planning, development, and implementation of preventive programs and services that support independence and reduces isolation for seniors.</p>	
<p>5.2. Council Member Roundtable / Committee Updates</p>	<p>Anahi Johnson– Anahi shared some background information about Supervised Consumption Services to give Council additional context. Since they started collecting statistics in November 2017, there is a 100 per cent success rate, 4300 reversed overdoses and 3700 ambulance calls averted. The concern is the mandate of the expert panel is to look at crime and safety and not to look at analysis of how the services reduce harm and save lives. She shared that a business group in Edmonton attempted to have approvals quashed, in part by arguing lack of consultation, but lost the case in court. Anahi expressed a</p>	

<p>5.3.</p>	<p>concern about what has become of the provincially funded Institute for Health Economics (IHE) project on the Supervised Consumption Services?</p> <p>Floyd House – Floyd shared that the community is asking about next steps for the new Strathcona Community Hospital. The hospital is in need of more doctors, nurses and support staff, is there a timeline on for this? Deb Gordon responded that the capita expansion budget is very tight this year and there are no active plans at the moment. Deb offered to share the annual review of programs. The review shows what the plans were and what is being done now.</p> <p>Jahnavel Sachez Norguez - Jahnavel shared that she wants to learn what other projects are going on in AHS and wants to help raise the voice of the French community’s health needs. Dr. David Zygun, Zone Medical Director, responded that the French clinics are not AHS sites. However, AHS is helping support the community by working with the clinical Alternative Relationship Plan (ARP) to compensates physicians for providing a set of clinical services at defined facilities and to a target population. Deb encourages patients to use language translation services when they are at an AHS site, to eliminate the language barrier.</p> <p>Shirley Munro – Shirley shared that the town of Evansburg is working with the Drayton Valley Primary Care Network (PCN) to get a physician to help provide care in Evansburg. Another option is to access a funding grant to get a Nurse Practitioner (NP), which would involve renovating the drugstore in Evansburg into a new clinic for her to practice.</p> <p>Shirley has applied to for a Mental Health Project animator position with mental health services. The job entails coordinating, resources to work collaboratively to support mental health services. Shirley adds the Wabamun medical clinic has received funding for a NP and is close to being open. The community is coming together to discuss options to address security for the NP as they will be working alone. Options include hgetting a security guard to sit with them and setting up a buzzer system. Eventually a receptionist will be needed but there is no funding for this at the moment.</p> <p>Deb Gordon mentioned that many organizations are looking to manage whatever funds they have and are looking at models of care to bring groups together. The collaboration between the Drayton Valley PCN and Wabmum is a real positive for the community.</p>	<p>Deb Gordon will share the annual review of programs with Council.</p>
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	<p>Janice Willier – Janice shared the community is concerned about the review of Supervised Consumption Services. She also expressed Northern communities’ concern over the cancellation of the Edmonton Lab Hub. She shared the community feels the review is focused on economics more than it is about saving lives. Janice expressed a concern about how will the communities in the north be impacted by the decision to cancel the lab hub.</p> <p>Fahim Hassan- Fahim shared concerns about the Blue Ribbon Panel report and who it will impact in the health system and educational institutions.</p>	
<p>5.4. Edmonton Zone Executive Leadership Update</p> <p>Deb Gordon <i>Vice President and Chief Health Operations Officer</i></p> <p>Dr. Chris Sikora <i>Physician/Lead Medical Officer of Health- Edmonton Zone</i></p> <p>Dr. David Zygun <i>Edmonton Zone Medical Director</i></p>	<p>Deb Gordon provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government decision regarding Supervised Consumption Services – the newly elected government is focusing on recovery and AHS is emphasizing how these services help clients connect with the appropriate recovery resources. There are no plans for future sites to be opened but AHS hopes existing sites will continue to be open. AHS will continue to extend all offers to share knowledge and provide information where needed. • Ernst & Young (EY) is the independent-third party contractor hired to complete the AHS Review. They sent out a survey to AHS staff as well as opened one up to the public. Taking part is an opportunity to identify ways to find efficiencies across the organization, while improving patient care. • Minister of Health Tyler Shandro has visited lab facilities in Edmonton and has a better understanding of the needs of the province. He recognizes the need to stay current, as well as the intention of the new site. • Deb explained that the Blue Ribbon Panel Report focused more on the public ministerial level of health and is not specific to AHS. The AHS Review that is scheduled to be completed by December 2019 will have more AHS specifics. <p>Dr. David Zygun provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect Care go-live date for Edmonton is November 3rd. He gave an overview of what Connect Care is and excitement within the organization. 	
<p>5.5. Report from Council Chair – Anahi Johnson</p>	<p>A written Chairs report has been shared with Council members. Some of the highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended the Council of Chairs meeting in June where a presentation was made on Connect Care. • GEHAC met on July 22, 2019, with Craig Ivany, CEO, Alberta Public Laboratories. He answered all the HACs questions but was unsure of the status of the Lab Hub at the time. Craig indicated a meeting with the health minister was scheduled for August 21, 2019 where discussion on 	

5.6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • infrastructure needs occurred. Notes from that meeting were circulated with GEHAC as a reference for more detail. 	
5.7. Advisory Council Update - Maya Atallah Advisory Council Coordinator	Maya Atallah provided a full report. Following are the highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed new members to the Council • Update on the Health Advisory Council Review • Update to Top Concerns document • 2019 Advisory Councils' Fall Forum • Shared Government of Alberta invitation to attend a Supervised Consumption Services engagement session. 	
6. Next Meeting	Date: Tuesday, November 12, 2019 Time: 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Location: Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital 10230 111 Avenue Northwest, Edmonton, AB T5G 0B7	
7. Meeting Evaluation and Adjournment	Moved by Floyd House to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.	