



## Greater Edmonton Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2021 / 6:00 pm – 9:00 p.m. / Zoom

| ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS                  |   |
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| <b>Members</b>                             | Anahi Johnson (Chair), Floyd House (Vice Chair), Sharon Brintnell, Priscilla Coker, Rume Djebah, Shakib Rahman, Nazret Russon, Kailey Schmidt   |
| <b>AHS</b>                                 | Tom Alston, Carol Anderson, Dr. Shelly Duggan, Dr. Chris Sikora, Dr. David Zygun  |
| <b>Regrets</b>                             | Fahim Hassan, Harman Kahlon, Shirley Munro, Jahnavel Sanchez-Noguez, Nicholas Polturak, Janice Willier  |
| <b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>         | Anahi welcomed all in attendance and went through introductions. Anahi provided a land acknowledgment.  |
| <b>Approval of previous minutes</b>        | November 18, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.  |
| STANDING ITEMS                             |   |
| <b>Action items from previous meeting</b>  | <p>Action items from the November 18, 2020 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council to connect with Maya Atallah if interested in being part of the Edmonton Zone Healthcare Planning working group. <b>Complete.</b></li> <li>• The AHS Board’s 10-year vision will be shared with Council once it is publicly available. <b>Complete.</b></li> <li>• Janine Sakatch will connect with the AH Review Board to inquire if GEHAC can be part of the Facility-based Continuing Care focus group opportunity. <b>Complete.</b></li> <li>• Maya Atallah to look into the status of 811 committees and Nazret Russon involvement. <b>Complete.</b></li> <li>• Maya Atallah to send Council a copy of AHS Review. <b>Complete.</b></li> <li>• Council requested a list of all the facilities granted exemptions to the single site rule. Maya will follow up. <b>Complete.</b></li> <li>• Is there data on the number of staff and residents who’ve tested positive for COVID-19, aside from what’s available in the media? <b>Complete. Information cannot be provided as this is outside Council scope of practice.</b></li> </ul> |
| <b>Alberta Health Services Zone Update</b> | <p><b>Carol Anderson, Chief Zone Officer, Edmonton Zone, Clinical Operations and Dr. David Zygun, Zone Medical Director, Edmonton Zone shared the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edmonton pandemic and surge planning.</li> </ul>  |



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|                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgery recovery updates.</li> <li>• Post COVID-19 planning including the rehabilitation pathways in Edmonton Zone (EZ) and working group updates.</li> <li>• EZ Continuing Care updates regarding outbreaks and immunization.</li> <li>• Edmonton Zone Healthcare Planning, including the AHS Board’s 10-year vision, partnership with Alberta Health and meaningful engagement with community members, health provides, physician and community health partners.</li> <li>• Alberta Health Services named recipient of the 2021 Award of Excellence in Mental Health Quality.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. Chris Sikora, Medical Officer of Health, Edmonton Zone, Population, Public and Indigenous Health provided the following update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccine roll out and the difference between vaccines.</li> <li>• Answered questions about the time in between doses, eligibility and longer term effects of COVID-19 including chronic diseases and mental health. For more information visit <a href="#">AHS’ COVID-19 information website</a>.</li> <li>• The various innovations and multidisciplinary partnerships that have been developed through the pandemic.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Action Item(s)</b>          | Carol Anderson will connect with the COVID-19 operational task force to present to GEHAC on post-COVID work that is being done.   |
| <b>Voices of the Community</b> | No public in attendance.  |
| <b>Council Round Table</b>     | <p>The following was shared by Council members regarding COVID-19 and vaccine roll out in their communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community leaders are finding the information very helpful and appreciate the work being done.</li> <li>• The Community Conversation in Arabic was a success and the community appreciates the material provided in other languages.</li> <li>• Scenarios of community members having positive and negative experiences getting vaccinated.</li> <li>• Some community members still have vaccine hesitancy due to varied information on social media.</li> <li>• Recommendations from the COVID-19 task force and the transition plan to be operated by each zone.</li> <li>• Pathways, tools and supports being established to help with post-pandemic rehabilitation.</li> </ul> <p>Additional comments:</p>  |



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|                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Incidents with 811 and local pharmacies advising patient to go to the ER for a step throat test.</li> <li>• Connect Care roll out was a success. Patients and professionals are excited to have the information all in one system.</li> <li>• Conversation on the proposed Chartered Surgical Facilities Ophthalmology expansion and the request for proposal (RFP)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Action Item(s)</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carol Anderson will look into what 811 is advising patients re strep throat testing.</li> <li>• Maya Atallah will connect with Dr. Silvius for and update presentation on the work happening with Continuing Care.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>NEW BUSINESS</b>         |  |
| <b>Presentation(s)</b>      | <p><b>Update to the New Edmonton Hospital</b><br/> <i>Tom Alston – Senior Project Director, New Edmonton Hospital</i><br/> <i>Shelley Duggan – Zone Clinical Department Head, Critical Care Medicine</i></p> <p>An update on the new Edmonton Hospital was given, including where it will be located and background information to explain why it's being built. The project vision and model of the modern health services building was shared which included proposed services and innovations. They shared information about advisory groups involved in engagement, and next steps. Construction will begin in 2025 with opening set to occur in 2032.</p> |
| <b>Date of Next Meeting</b> | <p>Date: Thursday, September 9, 2021 – Engagement Event<br/>           Time: TBD<br/>           Location: Zoom</p>   |

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