



Lakeland Communities Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 9, 2022, / 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
Members	Robert Deresh (Chair), Heather Stromquist, Diane Ellis, Michele Huszar, Cal Leckie, Victoria Sparklingeyes, Brad Eamon,
AHS	Melony Cole – Zettler, Cindy Harmata, Rob Barone, Cory Bruham, Carolyn Paradis
Regrets	Allyson Fox (Vice Chair), Kathy Lepine, Janet Stone, Amy Warren, Zicki Eludi, Lorin Tkachuk, Joanne Williams
Public	One
Welcome & Introductions	Robert welcomed all in attendance and went through introductions.
Approval of minutes	January 12, 2022, minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
Alberta Health Services North Zone Update	Cindy Harmata, Senior Operating Officer, provided a written report with information about workforce recruitment, capital projects and major events and initiatives specific to the local area. She also provided highlights from the North Zone Operational Plan and performance measures and initiatives. An update on COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, was provided. Information on its impact and measures to reduce spread is changing daily. Visit www.ahs.ca/covid for the most up-to-date information.
Physician Recruitment Report	Gail Hachey, Physician Resource Planner, reported AHS is currently recruiting to the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bonnyville – Four postings: two for family medicine with anesthesia; one family medicine with obstetrics; one family medicine with enhanced surgical skills/ obstetrics. • Cold Lake – Six postings: two for family medicine with anesthesia; two family medicine physicians; one family medicine with enhanced surgical skills/ obstetrics; one visiting specialist for ear nose and throat (ENT) physician. • St. Paul – Two postings for psychiatrists. • Boyle – One posting for a family medicine physician. • Lac La Biche – Six postings: two for family medicine with enhanced surgical skills/ obstetrics; two family medicine with obstetrics; one family medicine with anesthesia; one family medicine physician. • Smoky Lake - One posting for family medicine physician.



Community Partners	Anita Fagnan, Rural Community Consultant with Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP), provided a written report with information about RhPAP’s upcoming information sessions, the Rural VIP program, Rural Health Week celebrations and the Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experience (RESIDE) program. She also provided information about Put on your Perspectacles! RhPAP’s Attraction and Retention Conference scheduled for October 4 – 6, 2022 in Drayton Valley. Visit www.rhpap.ca for more information.
Council Round Table	<p>Robert Deresh, Council Chair, provided the following update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council of Chairs met March 3. Dr. Richard Lewanczuk presented on asset-based community care, of which there is potential for presentations at Council engagement events in the fall. <p>Council members shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a concern about emergency doctors not accepting patients in emergency who are discharged in a drug-induced psychosis. This is a serious barrier to accessing services for individuals with addictions. • People in St. Paul are happy about new doctors servicing the area. • Loneliness is a huge concern for all ages right now as well as navigating supports. There are concerns about physician recruitment across the North Zone and the province. • The RhPAP skills assessment in St. Paul was very successful. • There are challenges in Cold Lake housing individuals with Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, particularly for men in the area. They need a safe space to go during the day.
NEW BUSINESS	
Presentation(s)	<p>Emergency Medical Services- Bringing Care to Patients and Patients to Care</p> <p>Rob Barone, Associate Executive Director EMS North Zone, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and Cory Brunham, Manager NE Zone, Emergency Medical Services (EMS).</p> <p>Highlights of the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pressure facing EMS are not unique to Alberta. Across the country, EMS and healthcare systems are struggling with demand. EMS calls in Alberta have increased by approximately 30 per cent over the previous year. Despite the historic



	<p>increase in demand, EMS continues to respond to the vast majority of serious 911 calls quickly and appropriately. Learn more here: Alberta EMS Provincial Advisory Committee Alberta.ca</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AHS EMS has embarked on a comprehensive 10-point plan for addressing the increase in EMS calls. The plan, which focuses on immediate actions that will help create capacity within the system, will ensure EMS remains available and safe for all Albertans. Read the 10-point plan. <p><u>Questions from Council:</u> <i>Q. What tool is used to help EMS travel to emergency location?</i> A. EMS uses an advanced integrated mapping tool that uses Google Maps real-time traffic data, as well as other mapping data (i.e., town site map) to route around potential blockages. Response routing efficiency is also dependent on address input accuracy from the caller, which can be challenging at times during high-stress situations.</p>
<p>Date of Next Event</p>	<p>Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022 Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Location: Zoom</p>

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