



## Minutes – Lesser Slave Lake Health Advisory Council

November 19, 2018/5:00 -8:00 p.m. /Slave Lake Lakeland Centre

**Council members present:** Lindy Fors, Ernie Grach, Connie McKee, Brian Rosche, Debbie Rose

**Alberta Health Services:** Shannon Gallant, Dalique van der Nest, Terri Woytkiw

**Public:** One

**Regrets:** Dollie Anderson, Laura Frost, Ken Matthews, Cody Twinn

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
<b>1. Approval of Agenda</b>	Moved by Brian Rosche that the November 19, 2018 agenda be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	
<b>2. Approval of Minutes</b>	Moved by Debbie Rose that the September 17, 2018 minutes be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED</b>	
<b>3. Presentations</b>  <b>3.1. Area 6 Update-</b> Terri Woytkiw, Manager Specialty Programs North Zone, Seniors Health	Terri Woytkiw provided an overview of the Seniors Health Programs. Following are some of the highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are three streams of care in the continuing care system: home care, supportive living (levels 3, 4, and 4D) and long term care. 4D is secure living.</li> <li>• Home care falls under the public health act while nursing homes or facility living are under the hospital act.</li> <li>• Seniors health programs are not just for seniors. They are for those in need of continuing care.</li> <li>• To access continuing care or to find out more information visit the <a href="#">AHS website</a> or contact               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Continuing Care Access Line (CCA)                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Phone: 1-855-371-4122</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Share out poster from Terri with contact information.

- Fax: 1-855-776-3805
- Health Link
  - Phone: 811

Q: Are all these offered in the Lesser Slave Lake region?

A: Yes but not each community. Call the CCA line or 811 to find out where facilities are.

Q: Is this information shared with Family and Community and Support Services (FCSS)? There seems to be a disconnect between AHS and FCSS.

A: The information is shared with communities. In many communities FCSS has historically provided support in home making but this varies. Where homecare healthcare aides provide personal care and medical assistance. there can be a disconnect between the two and these connections need to be built. Some communities do have interagency meetings for these connections. These concerns can be brought to the manager in the area.

Q: How does this connect with Metis Settlements and First Nations?

A: Metis Settlements are supported by the homecare program, in most cases there are staff in the community that provide homecare and public health needs. People living on reserves can access the CCA line and their information will be forwarded on to the appropriate people.

Q: How does this system connect to mental health?

A: In the initial assessment, completed by the continuing care access nurse, mental health is explored and if there is concern this will be flagged for homecare. This is something homecare staff would work on right away and connect them to mental health support if needed and wanted. In continuing care the staff will reach out and work with the mental health team for a comprehensive approach.

Q: Why does Slave Lake have long term care and not High Prairie?

A: There is a lot of planning and a model is created provincially and reviewed annually at the community level.

Q: Does this planning take into account homecare? If there is an increase in home care, will more beds be opened in these facilities and cut down the waitlists?

A: Yes and the last three years, the direction has been enhancing care in the community. In the North Zone there has been an increase in resources for health care aides and professional nurses. This has been a challenge to implement in some communities and is not fully implemented everywhere yet.

<p><b>4. Old Business</b></p> <p><b>4.1. Review of Action Items</b> from minutes of May 28, 2018 meeting Shannon Gallant, Coordinator</p>	<p>Invite Northern Lakes College to November meeting. Invite to January meeting. Request information from public health on low immunization rates in Wabasca and Red Earth. Complete. Shauna to report back on the reason for high recruitment in 2016. Complete. Invite Seniors Care to next meeting. Complete.</p>	<p>Invite Northern Lakes College to January meeting</p>
<p><b>5. New Business</b></p>		
<p><b>5.1. North Zone Update –</b> Dalique van der Nest, Executive Director, Allied Health, North Zone</p>	<p>Dalique van der Nest presented on a number of key initiatives underway in the Zone including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Prairie Community Health and Wellness Clinic celebrated their first year.</li> <li>• Lung health screening is beginning to go along with breast cancer screening so we can catch people earlier before they are diagnosed with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD).</li> <li>• Recruitment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Have received funding for enhancing homecare but are having challenges recruiting homecare aides to the area.</li> <li>○ Ongoing recruitment is occurring for three vacant Occupational Therapist positions.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Roxanne Stuckless left her role with AHS as Director, Clinical Operations, Area 6. She will be missed. Deb Guerette Executive Director, Health Operations, Northern Alberta, has come to High Prairie to help out while recruiting for the position.</li> <li>• No opening date for High Prairie Obstetrics yet.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Will patients be able to access their health information online? A: Yes Connect Care is coming. It will be rolled out community by community over five years. North Zone won't go live until 2021 or 2022, but in January they will begin to educate staff.</p>	<p>Dalique to find a date for opening of the High Prairie Obstetrics services.</p>
<p><b>5.2. Physician Resources Update –</b> Shauna</p>	<p>Shauna Wallbank provided the following highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are now seven physicians in High Prairie. A new physician began on September 27<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• In Wabasca one of the regular locums signed a contract and now there are five physicians.</li> </ul>	

<p>Wallbank, Physician Resource Planner</p>	<p>Q: Why was there such a difference between recruitment numbers in 2015 and 2016? A: Recruitment numbers vary year to year. In 2015 there were 42 physicians recruited and in 2016 recruitment went down to 20. A major cause for this was that in 2016 Fort McMurray did not recruit any doctors at all because of the fires and Fort McMurray is a major hub in the North.</p>	
<p><b>5.3. Council Round Table and Good News Stories</b></p>	<p>Brian Rosche: The Town of Slave Lake wanted to provide a rent free facility to Alberta Health Services (AHS) for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) at the old fire hall and AHS turned it down. Why won't they accept it? Connie McKee: Why is there a waitlist for the High Prairie CT scanner for local residents when they are accepting people coming in from other communities? Why can't they do more than eight CT scans a day? Debbie Rose: There was a meeting with a few community groups in High Prairie and they decided there were too many groups working on dialysis. They are going to come together and collaborate and lobby together. They have heard that people want to move to High Prairie because they like the hospital. Lindy Fors: Shared that she is part of the PAC for Addictions and Mental Health and is part of the harm reduction committee. The PAC had a presentation from the Ambrose committee in Edmonton and it made her think about how limited their options are in the area. Lindy is the Social Media champion for the HAC and shared how members can use social media as a tool.</p>	<p>Dalique to follow up on EMS facility. Request information on High Prairie CT scanner Where are we at in High Prairie with "Path for Care"? Send e-mail from Lindy Fors to Council on funding opportunities for communities.</p>
<p><b>5.4. Advisory Council Officer Update –</b> Shannon Gallant, Advisory Council Coordinator</p>	<p>Shannon Gallant provided an update including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview on Community Conversations</li> <li>• Ken Matthews has stepped down as chair but will continue on as a member with the Lesser Slave Lake HAC. There will be an election at the January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting for the chair.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Date: January 7, 2018 Time: 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. Location: Telehealth</p>	

<b>7. Meeting Evaluation and Adjournment</b>	Moved Lindy by to end the meeting at 8:35 p.m.	
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