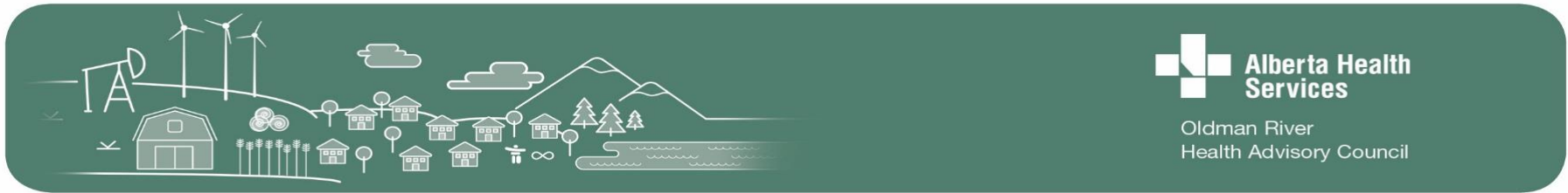


Oldman River Health Advisory Council Meeting Summaries

January 19, 2021 /12:00 – 3:00 pm / Zoom

| ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS | |
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| Members | Doug Thornton (Chair), Jim Bennett (Vice Chair), Debra Gazeley, Brad Gillespie, Brian Hammond, Stephanie Leavitt, Laura Nelson, Kim Schaaf, Carolyn Simonis, Stuart Wright |
| AHS | Linda Iwasiw , Dr. Michael Auld, Dr. Aaron Low, Thomas Mountain, Colin Zieber, Grant Walker, Gwen Wirth, Christine Osunde |
| Regrets | Henry Heinen, Louise Khaler |
| Public | Thirty-five |
| Welcome & Introductions | Doug welcomed all in attendance and went through introductions of Council members and Zone Leadership. Doug provided a land acknowledgment. |
| Approval of previous minutes | May 21, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus. |
| STANDING ITEMS | |
| Action items from previous meeting | No action items from the May 21, 2020 meeting. |
| Alberta Health Services Zone Update | <p>Linda Iwasiw, Interim Chief Zone Officer, South Zone, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the South Zone COVID Response. • Working under the direction of Alberta Health, provided details on phase one roll out and distribution of the COVID vaccine in the South Zone. Alberta Health COVID-19 vaccine distribution. <p>Dr. Michael Auld, Interim, South Zone Medical Director, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced Dr. Aaron Low, the new South Zone Medical Director, effective February 1, 2021. • Update on physician recruitment in the South Zone. Dr. Henry Ovwasa has returned to work in Milk River. <p>Colin Zieber, Senior Operating Officer, South Zone, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the mobile overdose prevention service that’s located next to the Lethbridge Stabilization Centre and Shelter. Between 60 -70 clients are accessing available services which are offered 20 hours per day, seven days a week. |



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| Community Partners | <p>Julie Davis, RhPAP Consultant, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhapsody award nominations are due February 28, 2021 • Alberta Rural Health Week is May 24-28, 2021 • The annual RhPAP Conference, 'Put on your Perspectacles,' is scheduled to take place in Drayton Valley May 25-27, 2021 |
| Council Round Table | <p>The following was shared by Council members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is some frustration and anxiety for local parents around sending children to school amidst COVID. • Chinook Regional Hospital is doing a good job managing COVID protocols to ensure patient safety. • Thank you to health care professionals who are on the front lines. • AHS hosted a post-secondary conversation of COVID restrictions that was well attended. <p>Additional updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doug Thornton shared highlites from the December 11, 2020 Council of Chairs meeting. |
| NEW BUSINESS | |
| Presentation(s) | <p>Psychological First Aid for a Pandemic, facilitated by Jody Walker, Mental Health Promotion Facilitator, Addiction & Mental Health & Paulina Gornicki, Health Promotion Facilitator</p> <p>Psychological First Aid (PFA) is considered the first stage of intervention during a disaster or emergency. During a pandemic, how we respond looks different but the principles are the same. The session was a two-hour interactive online training covering essential tools, action principles and self-care for participants.</p> |
| Date of Next Meeting | <p>Date: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 Time: 12:00 - 3:00 pm Join Zoom Meeting: Online via Zoom. Contact community.engagement@ahs.ca for details</p> |

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