



Oldman River Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2021 / 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
Members	Doug Thornton (Chair), James Bennett (Vice Chair), Debra Gazeley, Brad Gillespie, Victoria Koersen, Stephanie Leavitt, Carolyn Simonis, Laura Nelson, Stuart Wright, Brian Hammond
AHS	Linda Iwasiw, Dr. Aaron Low, Thomas Mountain, Grant Walker, Gwen Wirth, Christine Osunde
Regrets	Henry Heinen
Public	Seven
Welcome & Introductions	Doug welcomed all in attendance and went through introductions. Doug provided a land acknowledgment.
Approval of previous meeting summary	The March 23, 2021 meeting summary was reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
Action items from previous meeting	All action items from the March 23, 2021 meeting are complete.
Alberta Health Services Zone Update	<p>Linda Iwasiw, Chief Zone Officer, South Zone, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffing update: Linda Tessmann-Potvin, Senior Operating Officer, is now permanent and is responsible for Medicine Surgery and Ambulatory Care. Currently recruiting for the new Senior Operating Officer for Seniors Health and Rural East. Dr. Carl Miller will take over as Associate Zone Medical Director focusing on programs and services, on June 1, 2021. Update on the South Zone COVID-19 response - vaccine eligibility is expanded to those 12 and up. Working under the direction of Alberta Health, Linda provided details on phase one roll out and distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine in the South Zone. Alberta Health COVID-19 vaccine distribution. For information on COVID-19 testing or scheduling a vaccine appointment, visit COVID Testing / Online Booking. <p>Dr. Aaron Low, South Zone Medical Director, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alberta Health information on COVID-19 cases in the province. Alberta immunization rates.



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Action Item(s)	South Zone leadership will connect directly with Honourable Grant Hunter, Associate Minister for Red Tape Reduction and MLA for Taber-Warner, to provide detailed responses about vaccination rates in the South Zone, dates for stages of reopening and the vaccination uptake from the Hutterite and the low German Mennonite population.																																																
Community Partners	<p>Julie Davis, Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) Consultant, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Coffee with Dr. Verna Yiu” - May 19th, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. During the session Dr. Yiu and her team will share Alberta Health Services’ 10-year vision and key priorities for healthcare in Alberta. Alberta Rural Health Week is May 24-28, 2021. Rhapsody award winners soon to be announced. The annual RhPAP Conference is scheduled to take place in Drayton Valley October 4-6, 2022. 																																																
Council Round Table	<p>The following was shared by Council members regarding their communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The drafted Annual Report and Work Commitments documents have been submitted for review. Reminder to Council members to register for the Spring Forum. The physician in Milk River has a physician assistant working with him. Vicki from Taber thinks it’s important to see more transportation options for seniors living in rural areas, to vaccination appointments. There was an inquiry about where to find Low German resources on the AHS website. 																																																



	Additional updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MyHealth Records includes detailed patient vaccination information. Sign up is required to view one’s record.
Action Item(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine to send the link for Low German Resources on the AHS website.
NEW BUSINESS	
Presentation(s)	Catherine Douglas , Acting Director for the Office of the Alberta Health Advocates , shared information on the organizations’ vision, mission, values and how they assist patients accessing/navigating the healthcare system.
Presentation(s)	Cheryl Sarazin , Executive Director, Integrated Quality Management & Interim Director, Surgery South Zone - Quality and Patient Relations, provided information on the patient relations and patient concerns resolution process in Alberta. Information was shared on how patients can send a compliment, concern or suggestion about their or someone else’s care. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient Concerns and Feedback • Patient Feedback Form
Presentation(s)	Sarah Hope , Senior Advisor Community Engagement provided a site tour of Together4Health.ca .
Date of Next Meeting	Date: Tuesday, January 22, 2022 Time: 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. Location: TBD Contact community.engagement@ahs.ca for details.

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