



## Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2021 /12:00 – 3:00 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
<b>Members</b>	Reg Radke (Chair), Andrea Ames, Ajit Atwal, Jill Bernhart, Pat Dietrich, Kathleen Hutcheon, Paul Nederveen, Krista Weiss
<b>AHS</b>	Linda Iwasiw, Dr. Michael Auld, Dr. Aaron Low, Linda Tessmann-Potvin, Colin Zieber, Gwen Wirth, Christine Osunde
<b>Regrets</b>	Kristine Russell (Vice Chair), Lorrie Clizbe
<b>Public</b>	23
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Reg welcomed all in attendance and went through introductions of council members and zone leadership. Reg provided a land acknowledgment.
<b>Approval of previous meeting summary</b>	January 18, 2021 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
<b>Action items from previous meeting</b>	All action items from the January 18, 2021 meeting are complete.
<b>Alberta Health Services Zone Update</b>	<p><b>Linda Iwasiw, Chief Zone Officer, South Zone, shared the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Update on the South Zone COVID-19 response - vaccine eligibility is expanded to those 12 and up.</li> <li>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. <a href="#">Alberta Health COVID-19 vaccine distribution</a>.</li> <li>For information on COVID-19 testing or scheduling a vaccine appointment, visit <a href="#">COVID Testing / Online Booking</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. Aaron Low, South Zone Medical Director, shared the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on physician recruitment in the South Zone East area:</li> </ul>

	Area of Zone	Site	Department	Clinical Interest or Specialty	Name of Physician	Start Date of Independent Practice
	East	MHRH	Surgery	General	Tessier, Alisha	4-Jan-21
	East	Community	Anesthesia		Elrebigi, Mona	27-Jan-21
	East	MHRH	Pediatrics		Adewuyi, Olusegun	25-Jan-21
	East	MHRH	Family Medicine		Cloete, Pierre	1-Feb-21
	East	MHRH	Surgery	Orthopedics	Chukwunyerenwa, Chukwudi	1-Feb-21
	East	Brooks	Rural Medicine	Obstetrics	Vermeulen, Walti	1-Mar-21
	East	MHRH	Rural Medicine	Anesthesia	Louw, Corne	1-Mar-21
	East	MHRH	Family Medicine		Al-Abayechi, Ahmed	18-Feb-21
	East	Bassano	Rural Medicine		Karimova, Khalida	16-Feb-21
<b>Community Partners</b>	<p><b>Julie Davis, Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) Consultant, shared the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Coffee with Dr. Verna Yiu” - May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 9:00 am. During the session Dr. Yiu and her team will share Alberta Health Services’ 10-year vision and key priorities for healthcare in Alberta.</li> <li>• Alberta Rural Health Week is May 24-28, 2021. Rhapsody award winners soon to be announced.</li> <li>• The annual RhPAP Conference is scheduled to take place in Drayton Valley October 4-6, 2022.</li> </ul>					
<b>Council Round Table</b>	<p><b>The following was shared by Council members:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reg was a member of the interview and selection committee for the new AHS South Zone Chief Zone Officer.</li> <li>• Council is getting questions from the public about when Alberta is set to reopen. Alberta Health sets those guidelines and information is updated regularly on its <a href="#">website</a>.</li> <li>• The AHS staff managing 811, booking vaccine appointments, are very friendly and make the process very efficient. Members are hearing about many positive experiences.</li> <li>• Suggested that AHS Communications highlight or include in messaging the decrease in potential restrictions as an incentive to get vaccinated.</li> <li>• Encouraging those who cannot or will not wear a mask to wear a face shield as an option.</li> <li>• The Brooks community raised \$45,000 to ensure the Regional Transportation Pilot Project between Brooks and Medicine Hat continues for another year.</li> <li>• The Medicine Hat Hospital Endoscopy Unit in the renovated hospital provides top notch services; staff is very patient and friendly.</li> </ul>					

## NEW BUSINESS

<b>Presentation(s)</b>	<b>Catherine Douglas</b> , Acting Director for the <a href="#">Office of the Alberta Health Advocates</a> , shared information on the organizations' vision, mission, and values and how they assist patients accessing/navigating the healthcare system.
<b>Presentation(s)</b>	<b>Cheryl Sarazin</b> , 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"> <li>• <a href="#">Patient Concerns and Feedback</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Patient Feedback Form</a></li> </ul>
<b>Presentation(s)</b>	<b>Jeanette Devore</b> , Elder Case Manager, & <b>Howard Friesen</b> , Clinical Manager, shared information on the Elder Abuse Case Management Program at <a href="#">Medicine Hat Family Service</a> .
<b>Presentation(s)</b>	<b>Sarah Hope</b> , Senior Advisor Community Engagement provided a site tour of <a href="#">Together4Health.ca</a> .
<b>Added to the agenda: Presentation(s)</b>	<b>Craig Wood</b> , Executive Director, REDI Enterprises Society, shared an update on the organization and that funding from AHS for the program specifically staff positions will be ending on July 30, 2021.
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	Date: Monday, January 17, 2022 Time: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Location: TBD Contact <a href="mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca">community.engagement@ahs.ca</a> for details.

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