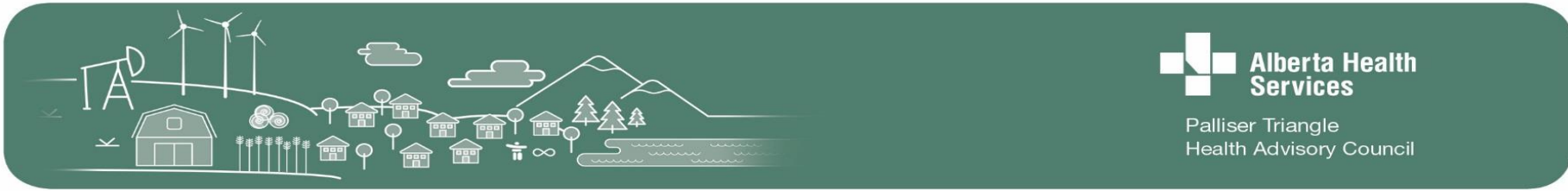


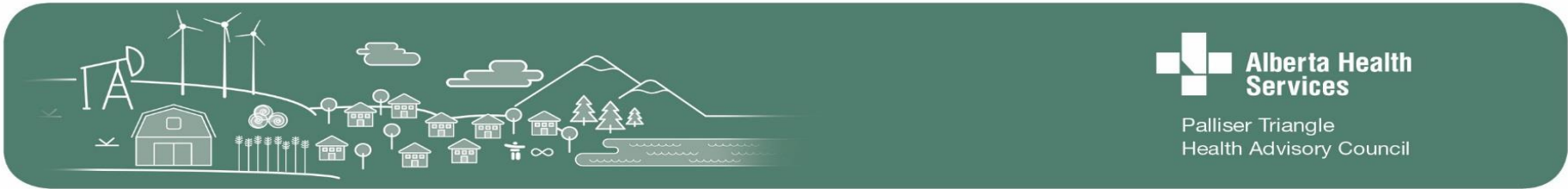
## Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Council Meeting Summary

January 18, 2021 /12:00 – 3:00 pm / Zoom

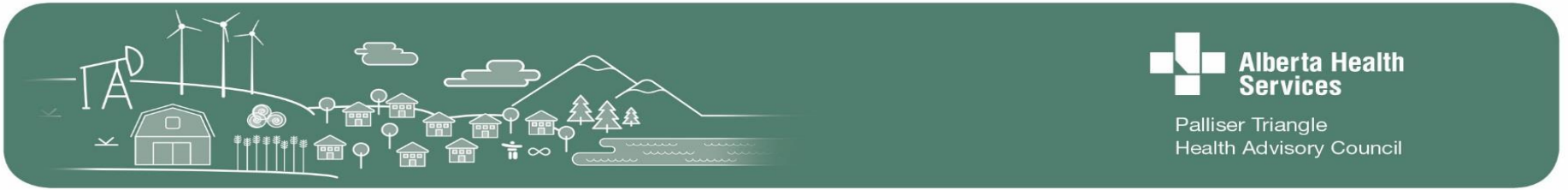
ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
<b>Members</b>	Reg Radke (Chair), Kristine Russell (Vice Chair), Andrea Ames, Ajit Atwal, Jill Bernhart, Lorrie Clizbe, Pat Dietrich, Kathleen Hutcheon, Paul Nederveen, Krista Weiss
<b>AHS</b>	Linda Iwasiw, Dr. Michael Auld, Dr. Aaron Low, Linda Tessmann-Potvin, Colin Zieber, Gwen Wirth, Christine Osunde
<b>Regrets</b>	Angie Traill
<b>Public</b>	21
<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 minutes</b>	May 25, 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
<b>Action items from previous meeting</b>	<p>Action items from the May 25, 2020 meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Katherine Chubbs to provide statistics on surgery backlogs. (COMPLETED)</li> <li>• Katherine will provide an update on the Palliative/Long Term Care (LTC) project in Brooks. (COMPLETED)</li> <li>• Katherine will inquire about shortages of PPE for AHS staff in the Zone. (COMPLETED)</li> </ul>
<b>Alberta Health Services Zone Update</b>	<p><b>Linda Iwasiw, Interim Chief Zone Officer, South Zone, shared the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced Linda Tessmann-Potvin, Senior Operating Officer.</li> <li>• Update on the South Zone COVID Response.</li> <li>• Working under the direction of Alberta Health, provided details on phase one roll out and distribution of the COVID vaccine in the South Zone. <a href="#">Alberta Health COVID-19 vaccine distribution</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">COVID Testing / Online Booking</a>.</li> <li>• Update on Alberta Health's direction on the implementation of AHS Review initiatives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Dr. Michael Auld, Interim, South Zone Medical Director, shared the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced Dr. Aaron Low, the new South Zone Medical Director effective February 1, 2021.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Family Medicine Maternity Clinics - maternity care continues to be a priority for Alberta Health Services and it will continue to work closely with the Primary Care Network and physicians practicing in the community. When an update is available Zone Leadership will share it with the community.</li> <li>• Update on physician recruitment in the South Zone East area.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Partners</b>	<p><b>Julie Davis, RhPAP Consultant, shared the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduced the new Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Council RhPAP Consultant, Alicia Fox.</li> <li>• Rhapsody award nominations are due February 28, 2021.</li> <li>• Alberta Rural Health Week is May 24-28, 2021.</li> <li>• The annual RhPAP Conference, ‘Put on your Perspectacles,’ is scheduled to take place in Drayton Valley May 25-27, 2021.</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>• Some express feeling challenged by continuing to meet virtually because of current COVID restrictions.</li> <li>• Community members have expressed the need for more information on mental health services available and how to access them.</li> <li>• Some patients at the Bassano Primary Care Clinic (PCN) have had difficulty using the Telehealth equipment for their appointments. The PCN will strategize ways to improve this for patients and staff at the site.</li> <li>• The Carry Drive Walk-in Clinic in Medicine Hat routinely has a 10-day wait for online booking of lab work and Medicine Hat Regional Hospital is nine days. What can be done to improve the online booking procedure?</li> <li>• After reviewing the recommendations in the AHS Review, will there changes to acute care services currently offered in Oyen (e.g. bed closures)?</li> <li>• Can mental health, Speech Language Pathology, Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy visits in Oyen be done virtually so more clients can be seen per day?</li> <li>• The Halo Review has been completed but has not been released – is there an update AHS can provide?</li> <li>• What is the status of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) service provision to the southeast part of the South Zone?</li> <li>• A huge kudo to Medicine Hat Regional Hospital staff in the Day Medical unit for the efficient, professional, caring service they provide. A patient with a learning disability went in and the staff went out of their way to explain the procedure in</li> </ul>



	<p>terms they would understand, gave clear timelines and were always available and pleasant. Their actions helped someone who entered the unit with fear leave with a smile. The entire staff truly provide quality care.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A young boy became very ill in Oyen and the expert diagnostic skills of Dr. Petra Mueller and the emergency room nurses saved his life. The child was flown by STARS to the Children’s Hospital in Calgary and had immediate surgery to manage a pituitary tumor. His parents were very impressed with the care he received in Oyen and Calgary.</li> <li>• Local organizations, the City of Brooks and individual community members have pulled together in an amazing way to survive the pandemic together.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional updates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reg is on the Spring Forum working group and shared an update on planning for the upcoming Spring Forum in June 2021.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Item(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine to look into a presentation on mental health facilitated by Colin Zieber, Senior Operating Officer, on what services and materials are available within the community.</li> <li>• Christine and Linda to follow up on outstanding questions.</li> </ul>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>Presentation(s)</b>	<p><b>Seniors &amp; Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council</b> - Julie Kelndorfer, Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Created in 2018, <a href="#">Seniors and Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council</a> (SCC PAC) is made up of 15 volunteers from across the province. Members are Albertans who have lived experience with the continuing care system and are passionate about improving care. They play an important role in supporting the strategic direction of Alberta Health Services by engaging Albertans in a respectful, transparent and accountable manner.</li> <li>• SCCs role includes: advising AHS Board and AHS management on service delivery, policy and program design for a provincewide seniors and continuing care health system; talking with Albertans and advising AHS on what they are hearing about seniors and continuing care services; consider and provide evidence-based suggestions to AHS in the development of AHS’ seniors and continuing care health plans; provide a vehicle to identify existing and emerging seniors and continuing care health issues and provide advice to AHS on ways to improve quality, access and sustainability of seniors and continuing care health services in Alberta.</li> <li>• The community can provide input into the Alberta Health survey on <a href="#">Facility Based Continuing Care</a>, which is currently under review. The survey closes January 29, 2021.</li> </ul>
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	Date: Monday, May 17, 2021



Time: 12:00 to 3:00 pm

Location: Online via Zoom. Contact [community.engagement@ahs.ca](mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca) for details

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