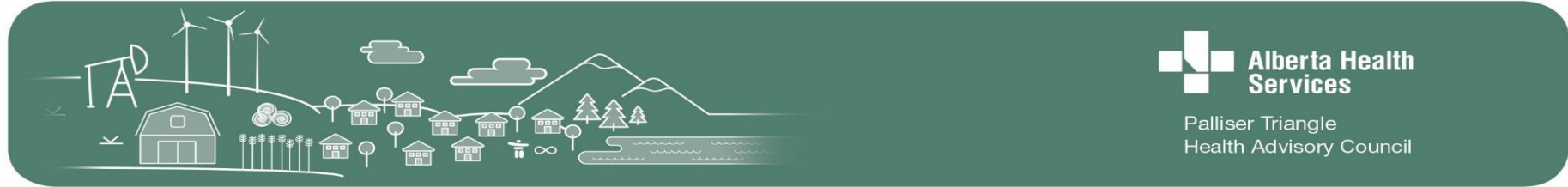


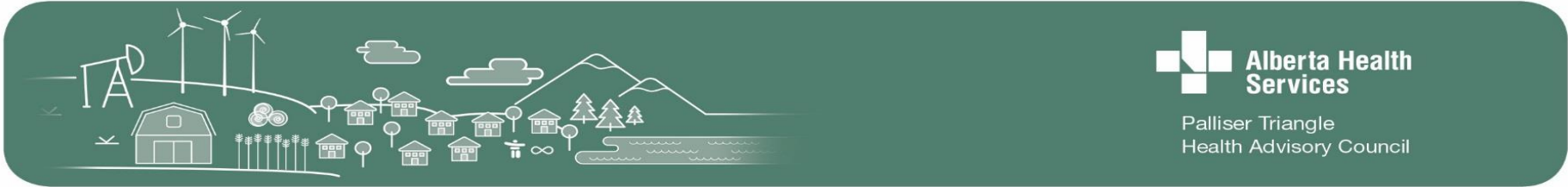
Palliser Triangle Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2022 /1:00 – 3:00 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
Members	Krista Weiss (Chair), Jill Bernhart, Pat Dietrich, Martin Gendron, Gop Majak, Paul Nederveen, Amanda Peterson, Reg Radke, Janine Tolhurst
AHS	Christine Osunde, Linda Iwasiw, Linda Tessmann-Potvin, Gwen Wirth
Regrets	Andrea Ames, Ajit Atwal, Jeanette Devore, Kathleen Hutcheon, Rachel Vossen (Vice Chair)
Public	Five
Welcome & Introductions	Krista welcomed all in attendance. She also provided a land acknowledgment and Martin Gendron addressed housekeeping.
Approval of previous meeting summary	The January 17, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
Action items from previous meeting	All action items from the January 17, 2022 meeting are complete.
Alberta Health Services Zone Update	<p>Linda Iwasiw, Chief Zone Officer, South Zone, shared the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on COVID-19, in the South Zone. Up-to-date information can be found at: www.ahs.ca/covid. • Information on who should be tested can be found at: COVID testing information. • Self-care information on COVID-19 can be found at: COVID 19 Self Care Guide. • An update on Chaplaincy services in the South Zone. • An update on Behavioural Health Consultants employed in the South Zone. • An update on telehealth and virtual appointments continuing post-pandemic. • An update on the Immunization Policy for AHS Staff, Physicians & Volunteers.



	<p>Dr. Aaron Low, South Zone Medical Director, provided the following information: An update on physician recruitment in the South Zone east area.</p> <p>The following physicians have been recruited and will start work in 2022:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="464 467 1864 773"> <thead> <tr> <th>Name of Committed Physician</th> <th>Clinical Activity Site</th> <th>Department</th> <th>Clinical Interest or Specialty</th> <th>Anticipated Independent Practice Start Date</th> <th>Additional Information</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Van Staden, Helena</td> <td>Brooks</td> <td>Rural Medicine</td> <td></td> <td>June 2022</td> <td>Replacement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Powell, Tara</td> <td>MHRH</td> <td>Senior's Health</td> <td>Geriatrics</td> <td>June 2022</td> <td>New</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Alole, Lynder</td> <td>Oyen</td> <td>Rural Medicine</td> <td></td> <td>June 2022</td> <td>Replacement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>David, Efeomo</td> <td>MHRH</td> <td>Addiction & Mental Health</td> <td>Adult</td> <td>July 2022</td> <td>Replacement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cherepanov, Vasily</td> <td>MHRH</td> <td>Diagnostic Imaging</td> <td></td> <td>July 2022</td> <td>Replacement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Algowizai, Nasser</td> <td>MHRH</td> <td>Surgery</td> <td>Surgical Assistant</td> <td>March 2022</td> <td>Replacement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Okpolor, Charles</td> <td>Bassano</td> <td>Rural Medicine</td> <td></td> <td>July 2022</td> <td>Replacement</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Name of Committed Physician	Clinical Activity Site	Department	Clinical Interest or Specialty	Anticipated Independent Practice Start Date	Additional Information	Van Staden, Helena	Brooks	Rural Medicine		June 2022	Replacement	Powell, Tara	MHRH	Senior's Health	Geriatrics	June 2022	New	Alole, Lynder	Oyen	Rural Medicine		June 2022	Replacement	David, Efeomo	MHRH	Addiction & Mental Health	Adult	July 2022	Replacement	Cherepanov, Vasily	MHRH	Diagnostic Imaging		July 2022	Replacement	Algowizai, Nasser	MHRH	Surgery	Surgical Assistant	March 2022	Replacement	Okpolor, Charles	Bassano	Rural Medicine		July 2022	Replacement
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<p>Community Partners</p>	<p>Julie Davis, Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) Consultant, shared the following:</p> <p>RhPAP has organized several free virtual learning opportunities for rural community members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhapsody Awards: The Rhapsody Award nominations are now open! These awards provide an opportunity to recognize the individuals, teams and volunteers who make significant healthcare and civic contributions within rural Alberta communities. • Alberta Rural Health Week: May 30th – June 3rd, 2022 • Put on Your Perspectacles: The RhPAP 'Attraction and Retention Conference' has been scheduled for October 4 – 6, 2022 in Drayton Valley. • RESIDE Program: RhPAP will administer RESIDE (Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experience) for the Alberta Government, helping students pay for the costs of medical school. In exchange, students will complete residency training in rural Alberta and agree to practice in a rural Alberta community. 																																																
<p>Council Round Table</p>	<p>The following was shared by Council members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents appreciate the availability of vaccinations for school aged children. • Gratitude for two new physicians starting in Brooks this April. 																																																



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are concerns about how a possible increase in mental health issues for school-aged children in Brooks will be addressed by AHS. • Many seniors are feeling relieved there are no more mask restrictions in Medicine Hat. • Appreciative AHS is publishing healthcare information in French.
NEW BUSINESS	
Presentation(s)	Diahann Polege-Aulotte, Vice Chair, SCC PAC provided information on the role of the Seniors and Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council and the commitments they are focused on as a Council.
Presentation(s)	Rebecca Perkins, Southern Alberta Lead – Wellspring Calgary shared information about free community-based programs and services that meet the emotional, social and practical needs of people living with cancer – those diagnosed, caregivers and kids, serving all of Calgary and southern Alberta.
Action Item(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christine to send the Wellspring presentation to Council.
Date of Next Meeting	Date: Thursday, May 16, 2022 Time: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Location: Zoom Contact community.engagement@ahs.ca for details.

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