



Minutes – Peace Health Advisory Council
January 15, 2019/5:00-8:00 pm / Grande Prairie QEII Hospital and Telehealth Sites

Council members present: Lucille Partington, Yvonne Rempel, Judy Brown, Alison Cormack, Laura Hancharuk, Cindy Park, Gloria Robertson, Krista Schuett, Penny Stone, Mary Wilson
Alberta Health Services: Shannon Gallant, Stacy Greening, Dr. James Pope, Susan Smith
Public: 3
Regrets: Sandra Baker

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
1. Approval of Agenda	Moved by Judy Brown that the January 15, 2019 agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.	
2. Approval of Minutes	Moved by Mary Wilson, that the November 20, 2018 minutes be approved. MOTION CARRIED.	
3. Presentations 3.1. Long Term Care and Seniors Health- Trisha Towne, Director Clinical Operations,	Trisha Towne spoke about long term care and seniors health. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term care centres are staffed according to provincial Patient Care Based Funding. • Patient and family concerns are addressed on an individual basis by management. The facility manager at the Long Term Care Centre in Fairview is working with the patient advisory group to address concerns as well. • When patients are discharged from the hospital a discharge summary goes with them and if they are referred to homecare this information is shared directly with home care. 	Share written response from Trisha Towne with HAC members.

<p>4. Old Business</p> <p>4.1. Business Arising from Previous Meetings – Shannon Gallant, AHS Advisory Council Coordinator</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the annual update on Addiction and Mental Health with HAC. Complete. • Invite Seniors Health and Continuing Care to January meeting. Complete. • Look into what has been shared at schools by AHS around cannabis. Complete. • Request a motion for use of the \$5000 engagement fund to send members to the Growing the North conference. Incomplete. 	<p>Send HAC members to Growing the North Conference.</p>
<p>5. New Business</p>		
<p>5.1. Physician Recruitment Update- Susan Smith, AHS Physician Resource Planner, North Zone</p>	<p>Susan Smith provided an update on physician recruitment in the area. Highlights are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2018 33 family physicians were recruited in the North Zone. • In the Grande Prairie area 38% of patients were unattached to a family physician in 2018. Of those 10% were referred from other areas and returned home and 10% chose to be unattached. This is within provincial benchmarks. • Medical students from across the country are currently going through the process of applying for family medicine residency and there will be interviews taking place at the QEII. There are six spaces for the family medicine residency program. <p>Q: Are we short on psychiatrists and what is going on with rural mental health?</p> <p>A: There is work in progress to demonstrate the needs for mental health in Areas 1 and 2.</p>	
<p>5.2. Voices of the Community</p>	<p>Council heard from the public in Grande Prairie and surrounding area. Following are the highlights of the input received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2019 RhPAP Rhapsody Award Nominations are now open for community, physician and healthcare hero. Deadline is the end of March. • Community members shared concerns on waitlists for specialists. A specific example was shared about the waitlist for pelvic health physiotherapy. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleased and impressed that the council exists and that the council is here to do things for the community. • Blood donation is not available in Grande Prairie. This program is run by Canadian Blood Services not AHS. 	Share out Rhapsody awards application from Holly Handfield.
<p>5.3. Chairs Report- Lucille Partington, Chair</p>	<p>Lucille shared an update and the following are some highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Paramedic Program is running in Grande Prairie, they are able to provide care and advice in the home and will transport to hospital when there is an emergency. • The Community Conversation in Grande Prairie went well. The Mayor of Valleyview and the Reeve of the county attended. • The council of chairs meeting discussed the costs of dental health and Pharmacare. Alberta pays 16% more for Pharmacare than the other provinces. As well as the challenges with referrals being sent by doctors via fax and being lost or missed. 	Council to invite Path to Care and provide feedback to them about the use of faxes by doctors.
<p>5.4. Report from Advisory Council Relations- Shannon Gallant, AHS Advisory Coordinator</p>	<p>Shannon Gallant provided a report and the highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment Campaign January 14th to February 1st • Annual Satisfaction Survey – January 21st to February 1st • Top 5 – 10 issues • Important Action Items for 2019 Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meeting Dates –Penny Stone moved to approve the 2019-2020 meeting dates MOTION APPROVED. ○ 2019/2020 Work Plan –work plans to be complete and approved at March 2019 meeting ○ 2018/2019 Annual Report – annual reports to be complete and approved at May 2019 meeting • Advisory Councils’ member profiles • Kudos • 2018 Advisory Councils’ Fall Forum-October 25 & 26th, 2019 	Share HAC application information with Holly Handfield to share out.
<p>Council Roundtable</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penny Stone shared that mental health comes to Manning once a week as long as there is 	

<p>and Good News Stories</p>	<p>not poor winter weather.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cindy Park took part in a blanket exercise and delivered blankets and treats to Mackenzie place at Christmas with her work. • Judy Brown shared that Spirit River is excited about a new doctor coming in May. The long term care centre in Spirit River is having alcoves painted bright colors so that Alzheimer’s patients will know which room is theirs. • Laura Hancharuk shared that she had an appointment for her child with a specialist in Edmonton and they allowed them to use Telehealth instead of travelling. This is the first time this has been given as an option. Laura also shared that a family member passed away and that the white rose program and staff were excellent. • Alison Cormack is attending inter-agency group for assistance for seniors in Grande Prairie. • Mary Wilson shared that long term care in Valleyview is getting extra recreation staff and that the candy striper program is returning. • Krista Schuett will share her digital story with the HAC. Her family had an awesome experience in the hospital on Christmas. Everyone was great and dressed up for Christmas. 	<p>Share story from Krista Schuett with HAC members.</p>
<p>1. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Date: March 19th, 2019 Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Location: Queen Elizabeth II Hospital Grande Prairie, Discovery Room and Telehealth sites.</p>	
<p>2. Meeting Evaluation and Adjournment</p>	<p>Moved by Laura Hancharuk to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.</p>	

***Please note that these minutes will be reviewed for approval at the next Council meeting.**