



Prairie Mountain Health Advisory Council Commitments and Priorities 2021 – 2023

	Goals	
Advisory Council Goals	<p>Council will receive regular updates and an overview of progress from the Zone Executive Leadership and the AHS board to ensure we are best serving our communities.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build awareness of the Council’s roles and responsibilities to the public. • Gather community input, validate it, and provide challenges and opportunities in each Council member’s area to the AHS local leadership and AHS Board. • Provide opportunities for AHS to work with Council members to share information about AHS healthcare programs and services with communities. • Provide input to healthcare programs, services, or emerging initiatives of AHS. 	
Topic	Priorities and Commitments	Tracking
Enhancing Care in the Community	<p>Council recognizes that the future of health care relies on technological advances and its integration into our health care system. Virtual health and eHealth technologies promotes and enhances current accessibility to health care and increases quality of care.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing our knowledge of current technological advances and health care integrations from both the care provider and patient perspective. • Promote and support the use of virtual tools as a way in which access to physicians and care providers is enhanced. • Receiving ongoing updates on the implementation, rollout, and evaluation of Connect Care from Zone Executive Leadership and the Connect Care Team. Council will continue to promote Connect Care to our communities as our understanding increases. 	To be reviewed May 1, 2022
Indigenous Health	<p>Council recognizes the value of traditional and cultural knowledge and practices that ensure appropriate and innovative health service delivery for Indigenous people in Alberta.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting the work of the Wisdom Council in areas of wellness, communication, cultural safety and protocols, and relationship building. 	To be reviewed May 1, 2022



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including the Land Acknowledgment and protocols (where appropriate) in all meetings and events. • Seeking Indigenous awareness and knowledge in Council activities and sharing our learnings with the community. • Engaging in reconciliation and responding to our part of the Truth and Reconciliation's Calls to Action. 	
Municipal Partnerships in Health	<p>Council recognizes that all Albertans should have access to quality health services, whether they live in bedroom communities, mid-size towns, or isolated regions.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing and maintaining relationships with local health foundations, non-profit organizations (in health and human services), post-secondary's, and other community networks/organizations who are knowledgeable on community service needs (e.g., Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)). • Learning, supporting, and promoting resources offered by the Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP) and Primary Care Networks (PCNs) within the Council area. 	<p>To be reviewed May 1, 2022</p>
Seniors and Continuing Care	<p>Council recognizes that high-quality health services for seniors include wellness, independence, and choice, and that the unique needs of individuals are respected.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishing a deeper relationship with the Seniors and Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council (PAC) to better understand how Council can support Senior and Continuing Care. • Becoming informed of the work completed by Health Quality Council of Alberta (HQCA) on improving living conditions at Senior and Continuing Care sites within the Council area. • Understanding how AHS is addressing needed improvements and monitoring of Senior and Continuing Care facilities. • Supporting the enhancement of home care for seniors aging in place and those not within traditional home care mandate (e.g., home cleaning, grocery shopping). 	<p>To be reviewed May 1, 2022</p>



Addiction and Mental Health	<p>Council recognizes that the pandemic has had a devastating impact on the mental health and well-being of Albertans across rural and urban Alberta. We recognize that the social determinants of health impact not only the development of addiction and mental illness, but also has a wide range of health, lifestyle, and quality of life outcomes.</p> <p>Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Establishing a deeper relationship with the Addiction and Mental Health PAC to better understand how Council can support the Calgary Zone.• Continuing to learn, support, and promote addiction and mental health resources and services offered by AHS and the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) within the Council area.• Gathering feedback on mental health and addiction from Council communities and bringing it back to Zone Executive Leadership.	To be reviewed May 1, 2022
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