



Prairie Mountain Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2022 /6:30 – 8:30 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
Members	Joyce McCoy (Chair), Lea Caplan, Linda Humphreys, Scott Mitchell, Rsmeya Rafih, Sheena Taggart, Lisa Thomson, Judy Walbridge, Vincent Yellow Old Woman
AHS	Christine Osunde, Lori Anderson, Dr. Mark Anselmo, Scott Holland
Regrets	Lori Bayne (Vice Chair), Vincent Yellow Old Woman
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Welcome & Introductions	Joyce McCoy welcomed all in attendance and provided a land acknowledgment.
Approval of previous minutes	September 23, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
Action items from previous meeting	<p>Action items from the September 23, 2021 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christine to follow-up with Janet Chafe, Executive Director, Addiction and Mental Health to get additional Addiction and Mental Health resource information specific to rural communities. (COMPLETE)
Alberta Health Services Zone Update	<p>Lori Anderson, Chief Zone Officer, Calgary Zone, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect Care will launch on May 28, 2022 in the Calgary Zone as part of wave 4, sites included in this wave, Alberta Children’s Hospital; Peter Lougheed Centre; Southern Alberta Forensic Psychiatric Centre (and associated forensic services); rural acute, combined acute and long term care sites. An update on Emergency Medical Services (EMS) access, availability, staffing and response time in the Calgary Zone, as well as information on the upcoming implementation of an integrated (EMS) operations command center later this year. Construction of the new Cancer Centre at the Foothills Hospital is on track and a tour will be offered to Council once it’s appropriate for larger gatherings. The Centre for Child and Adolescent Health at the Children’s Hospital is scheduled to open in November 2022. An update on both the surgical recovery and surgical backlogs in the Calgary Zone.



	<p>Dr. Mark Anselmo, Calgary Zone Medical Director, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced himself as this is his first meeting with the HAC. • An update on physician recruitment and retention in rural areas within the Calgary Zone. • An update on Influenza vaccinations and the number of people who have had Influenza. <p>Scott Holland, Executive Director, Rural Health - Calgary Zone, shared the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on COVID-19. • 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 rural health services in the Calgary Zone.
Action Item(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Anselmo to provide numbers on Influenza vaccination and provide recent updated numbers on confirmed cases in the zone.
Voices of the Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Addiction and Mental Health (AMH) Provincial Advisory Council Chair and Council member were in attendance to hear about AMH challenges in the Calgary Zone.
Community Partners	<p>Alicia Fox, Rural Community Consultant with Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP), shared updates with Council. Highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A session will be held on March 17, 2022: ARECA Farm Mental Health Project. The session is free and takes place from 11:00 a.m. – noon. Please visit RhPAP Events for more details and registration information. • 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. • Put on Your Perspectacles: The RhPAP ‘Attraction and Retention Conference’ has been scheduled for October 4-6, 2022 in Drayton Valley. • RhPAP social media and publications: RhPAP continues to post stories from around the province on their social media channels. They welcome rural Alberta to share story ideas. Sign up to receive the RhPAP newsletters here. • RESIDE Program: RhPAP will administer RESIDE – Rural Education Supplement and Integrated Doctor Experience - for the Alberta government that will help students pay for medical school. In exchange, students will complete residency



	training in rural Alberta and agree to practice in a rural Alberta community when schooling is complete. Applications for this program open in February 2022.
Council Round Table	<p>The following was shared by Council members regarding COVID-19 in their communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council has spent years building trust in healthcare and it has been eroded during COVID. We need to rebuild trust and establish and cultivate relationships within our communities. • Council is very proud of the hard work of AHS staff during the pandemic. • Many people have expressed the desire for wider access to COVID vaccinations for children in pharmacies. <p>Additional updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion about how these have been challenging times for the young adult demographic, and questions raised on how we can best provide mental health support to them. • It is important to understand where Alberta Health Services fits into directives made by Alberta Health. • Concerns over surgical wait times and the backlog of surgeries. • Once the pandemic moves to endemic, front line staff will have to deal with the consequences of burnout – hoping leadership continues to check in with staff.
NEW BUSINESS	
Presentation(s)	Terry O’Riordan , Chair, Addiction and Mental Health Provincial Advisory Council (AMH PAC) shared information on the role of the PAC, Terry’s role as Chair, and how the PMHAC can help the AMH PAC with its commitments and goals as a Council.
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date: Thursday, April 28, 2022</p> <p>Time: 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.</p> <p>Location: Online via Zoom. Contact community.engagement@ahs.ca for details.</p>

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