



## Prairie Mountain Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

May 30, 2024 / 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
<b>Members</b>	Laura Smith (Chair), Linda Elobuike (Vice Chair), Josephine Adda, Lea Caplan, Linda Humphreys, Joyce McCoy, Judy Walbridge
<b>AHS</b>	Andrea Jackson, Christine Osunde, Shauna Syverson
<b>Regrets</b>	Tawanda Chiremba, Kieran Dowling, Anton Ovtchinnikov, Vincent Yellow Old Woman, Jay Raymundo
<b>Public</b>	33
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Chair, Laura Smith, welcomed all in attendance and provided a land acknowledgment. Vice Chair Linda Elobuike addressed housekeeping.
<b>Approval of previous minutes</b>	January 25, 2024, minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
<b>Action items from previous meeting</b>	Action items from the January 25, 2024 meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No action items.</li> </ul>
STANDING ITEMS	
<b>Alberta Health Services Zone Update</b>	<p><b>Shauna Syverson, Chief Zone Officer, Calgary Zone, and Dr. Mark Anselmo, Calgary Zone Medical Director, provided a written report on the following:</b></p> <p><b>Refocusing the healthcare system:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calgary Zone leadership teams continue to engage with the Government of Alberta on refocusing work related to the creation of the four new health organizations.</li> <li>Calgary Zone leadership has finalized details for a patient evacuation and zone wildfire response.</li> <li>Measles preparedness work is underway at the Alberta Children’s Hospital.</li> <li>Rockyview General Hospital Emergency Department entrance renovations, which began in summer 2023, were recently completed.</li> <li>Dr. Peter Jamieson is the successful candidate for the role of Vice President Quality and Chief Medical Officer (CMO) on the Executive Leadership Team, after having acted in the role the past five months.</li> </ul>



<b>Community Partners</b>	<p><b>Alicia Fox, RhPAP Consultant - Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP), provided a written report:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">RhPAP</a> has virtual learning opportunities and events available for rural community members and healthcare providers.</li> <li>• Tickets are now available for the Rural Community Health Provider Attraction and Retention Conference taking place October 8-10, 2024, in Wainwright, AB.</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>• On March 23, the Nanton Quality of Life Foundation and the High River and Nanton Health Foundation put on a hugely successful Rural Mental Wellness Day in Nanton. It was acknowledged that rural communities and families in agriculture face barriers with mental health supports and this event brought together numerous resources/providers, including AgKnow (agriculture specific) to My Kick Stand, who focus on youth.</li> <li>• Kudos to volunteers at the Peter Lougheed Hospital who are delivering care packages in partnership with Ronald McDonald House.</li> <li>• Didsbury community will have a new mental health facility built on site next to the hospital.</li> <li>• University of Calgary medical students were invited to Vulcan to shadow physicians and nurses sponsored by RhPAP. Gutsy Walk will take place this June 1, 2024, to bring awareness to the Crohn's and Colitis community.</li> </ul>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>Report from Chair</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PMHAC held a successful community event on March 14. Lori Anderson, former Chief Zone Officer for Calgary Zone prior to her April retirement, along with Larry Walter, Director, HR Business Partnerships Calgary Zone, provided an excellent overview of the Workforce Strategy planning taking place in the Calgary Zone.</li> <li>• Laura joined several virtual Council of Chair Zoom meetings with Andrea Jackson to keep Councils updated on the current transition from HACs to Regional Advisory Councils (RAC) and the ever-shifting health landscape.</li> <li>• On April 17 PMHAC members were invited to meet with Martin Long, Parliamentary Secretary for Rural Health, and Chris Bourdeau, Director of Communication with Alberta Health (AH) and other AH staff. There was a fantastic turnout of Council members. Council provided a slide presentation outlining/highlighting council work and achievements from 2018 to the present. A really engaging roundtable discussion/Q&amp;A followed.</li> </ul>



<b>Presentation(s)</b>	<p><a href="#">Calgary Catholic Immigration Society</a> <b>Presenter: Bethel Abraham, Refugee Resilience Educator</b></p> <p>The Centre for Refugee Resilience provided information on the programs and resources they support immigrants and refugees with on their journey from trauma to healing through strengths-based, holistic, and culturally appropriate therapy and case coordination services.</p>
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