



Minutes – Tamarack Health Advisory Council

May 2, 2019, 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm Swan Hills Healthcare Centre – Community Health Boardroom

Council members present: Ruth Martin-Williams (Chair), Debra Hagman, Christie Homeniuk, Liz Krawiec, Linda West, Janet Wilkinson

AHS: Melony Cole Zettler, Carrie Cooper, Alyssa Dickner, Cindy Harmata, Shauna Wallbank

Public: Two

Regrets: Shannon Harris, Doug Heine, Sherry Jeffreys, Denise Lambert, Dan Pritchard.

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
<p>1. Approval of Agenda</p>	<p>Moved by Linda West for approval of the May 2, 2019 agenda. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	
<p>2. Approval of Minutes</p>	<p>Moved by Debra Hagman for approval of the January 10, 2019 minutes MOTION CARRIED.</p>	
<p>3. Presentation</p> <p>3.1 Alyssa Dickner, Manager, Population and Public Health and Carrie Cooper, Team Lead, Public Health Nursing</p>	<p>Alyssa Dickner and Carrie Cooper presented on Public Health and the following are highlights:</p> <p><u>Area 5 Clinic Locations:</u> Westlock Community Health Services - Westlock and Westlock County Thorhild Community Health Services - Thorhild County and Radway Onoway Community Health Services - Onoway and Lac Ste. Anne County Barrhead Community Health Services - Barrhead and Barrhead County Swan Hills Community Health Services - Swan Hills</p> <p><u>Indigenous Communities Served:</u> Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation -Federally supported -Vaccines supplied by Westlock Vaccine Depot Gunn Metis Local Council #55- Lac Ste. Anne Metis Community</p>	



Strategic Plan Top Priorities:

Population Health Approach

We use a population health approach to address the needs of the preconception, maternal, infant, child and youth populations. Some programs and services are mandated by the Public Health Act and Government Agencies while some are based on individual community needs.

Primary prevention is intended to prevent the onset of disease by intervening to remove or reduce risk factors. Secondary prevention is detecting and addressing disease in early stages, prior to the presentation of symptoms, to stop or slow its progression.

Oral Health Services

The program is mandated by the Provincial Oral Health Office. Eligibility is based on income and community risk. Fluoride protection for toddlers is for eligible children ages 12 to 35 months. School oral health services are available for eligible schools in the area.

Early Child Intervention Program - All Area 5 communities are served by this program

The program includes developmental screenings and assessments, information on child development and parenting and play activities to encourage specific skill development. The program offers connections for families to therapists and/or community agencies. They also offer support in planning children's preschool years and health promotion.

Public Health Nursing

The following programs are fully supported by each office includes Healthy Beginnings, Well Child Clinic, School Immunization Program, Influenza Immunization, Adult Immunization, Communicable Disease Control and Sexual Health Services. The exceptions are the Travel Program, which is available in Westlock, Onoway and Barrhead only, and Cervical Screen clinics which are only available in Swan Hills and Barrhead.



	<p>Indigenous Health</p> <p>Programs are supported by the Provincial Indigenous Health Team and the North Zone Indigenous Health Manager. This includes Jordan’s Principle, Honoring Life, Acknowledgement of Territory and Truth and Reconciliation.</p> <p><u>Council questions for Carrie:</u></p> <p>Q - How do patients find out about the fluoride program? A –Fluoride pamphlets are given to parents at their child’s 12-month checkup. We also partner with Parent Link.</p> <p>Q – How much was the Alberta Cancer Legacy Fund Barrhead Grant? A - \$20,000.00</p> <p>Q- What communities can apply for this funding? A – This funding is restricted to rural communities only.</p>	
<p>4. Old Business Arising from the Minutes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melony to find out which FCSS have been selected for the rural mental health pilot project. Complete. • Melony to share What We Heard documents from Community Conversation with council. Complete. • Submit meeting dates for posting on the AHS webpage. Complete. • Melony to share Greater Edmonton HAC videos with Council. Pending. 	
<p>5. New Business</p>		
<p>5.1 Voices of the Community</p>	<p>Gary Beeson of the Swan Hills Hospital Foundation shared the Foundation has donated furniture to the new Detox Centre for use in the lounge. The new area is very welcoming and the foundation has received lots of positive feedback from clients and families.</p>	
<p>5.2 North Zone Update –</p>	<p>Following are highlights from a full report provided by Cindy Harmata:</p>	



<p>Cindy Harmata, Senior Operating Officer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A crisis triage therapist has been hired and will provide coverage in Edson as well as in Hinton. • Allied Health in Area 4 are very pleased to report it has recruited a fulltime recreation therapist as Adult Day Program Coordinator for Edson/Hinton • The children’s therapist in Edson has returned to work and is tending to the waitlist. • An Early Childhood Intervention Program worker has been recruited for Whitecourt, Mayerthorpe, Edson and Hinton areas. • Walk-in access is now available two days of the week at the Whitecourt addiction office and one of the counsellors has connected with the local women’s shelter to provide weekly services there. • Edson Healthcare Centre will be initiating a homelessness screening question as part of its emergency department (ER) admission process. This enables us to have a better idea of the number of homeless people in our community and also gives ER nurses the opportunity to provide information for community supports to patients. • Dr. Bernard, of Westlock, was awarded the North Zone SPIRIT (Salute, Praise, Inspire, Recognize Individuals & Teams) award in leadership for physicians. • Through the Enhancing Care in the Community funding initiative we have enhanced Child & Youth TelePsychiatry supports in the North Zone, and developed a new North Zone Virtual Children’s Mental Health Program. This program will support teams in rural and remote areas of the Zone and provide services for mental illness in children and youth. • The Swan Hills detoxification/stabilization program officially opened on January 14, 2019. The program has admitted three clients and is in very early stages of operation. • Palliative Care work is ongoing to facilitate access to two transition beds in Westlock for palliative care patients in the area. 	
<p>5.3 Physician Recruitment Report – Shauna Wallbank, Physician Resource</p>	<p>Shauna Wallbank provided the following written report of physician vacancies:</p> <p>Barrhead– Three postings: one Family Medicine with Anesthesia; two Family Medicine with Obstetrics.</p> <p>Edson – Two postings for Family Medicine; two recruits pending.</p>	



<p>Planner</p>	<p>Mayerthorpe - One posting for Family Medicine. Westlock – One posting for Family Medicine with Enhanced Surgical Skills/ Obstetrics. Whitecourt - Two postings: One Family Medicine and One Family Medicine with Anesthesia.</p>	
<p>5.4 Report from the chair – Ruth Martin – Williams, Chair</p>	<p>Ruth Martin-Williams provided the following Chairs report: Ruth recently attended a North Zone planning meeting where three North Zone Chairs and Zone leads gathered to discuss gaps in services in the region. The group looks forward to meeting again in the future. She also attended the Council of Chairs meeting where they discussed how Council can promote Connect Care in the next few years.</p> <p>Ruth has really appreciated working with Council over the last 10 years. She has watched it grow and improve health care across the region and she knows it is capable of great things with the right support. She is thankful for the opportunity to work with AHS leadership and several community leaders during her time as Chair. She knows Council will continue to do great things for the area.</p>	
<p>5.5 Advisory Council Update – Melony Cole Zettler, Advisory Council Coordinator</p>	<p>Melony Cole-Zettler provided the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome new members! • Council Survey Results - Council discussed results and ideas for improvement. • Top Concerns – Council updated its list, for sharing with the AHS Board. • Recruitment campaign – Recruitment took place in the winter and will continue until vacancies are filled. • Advisory Council member profiles – There is still room for anyone wanting to be profiled as part of the awareness of Councils. • Kudos – Council is asked to share any ‘kudos’ of AHS staff, physicians or volunteers with Mel, for the communications team to share with others in AHS. • 2019 Advisory Councils’ Fall Forum – October 25 & 26th in Edmonton. 	
<p>5.6 Work Plan Progress and Upcoming</p>	<p>Work Plan and Annual Report discussion:</p>	



<p>Events</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moved by Janet Wilkinson to approve the 2019/2020 work plan. MOTION CARRIED. • Moved by Debra Hagman to approve the 2018/2019 annual report. MOTION CARRIED. • Moved by Debra Hagman to approve funding for Liz and Linda to attend an RhPAP Rural Community Building session in Beaverlodge in May. MOTION CARRIED. 	
<p>5.7 Council Round Table</p>	<p>Council members shared the following updates:</p> <p>Liz Krawiec - Swan Hills Community Health Board hosted a community awareness night on May 1. They are looking forward to the next one in the fall.</p> <p>Debra Hagman– Recently joined the Attraction and Retention Committee in Mayerthorpe. The committee has nominated the Mayerthorpe Health Centre for an RhPAP award! She has also been asked to join the Fall Forum planning committee; if members have ideas they are asked to please reach out to Deb.</p> <p>Janet Wilkinson – Reports of EMS having trouble accessing the Parkland Lodge. She shared a letter detailing the concerns from the Edson Mayor with Cindy.</p> <p>Linda West – The Westlock Health Council is working towards Westlock becoming a senior and dementia friendly community. Westlock is one of five communities in the province chosen for this. The Council also had a workshop on frailty which was highly informative.</p> <p>Christie Homeniuk- She has enjoyed working with the council for many years and is excited to see what it can achieve in the future.</p> <p>Cindy Harmata thanked Ruth Martin-Williams and Christie Homeniuk for their time on Council. She expressed appreciation for all the time and work they have put in over the years. The Council will definitely miss their voices and they are invited to participate as members of the public.</p>	<p>Cindy Harmata to follow up with EMS concern.</p>



<p>6. Elections of Chair/ Vice Chair</p>	<p>Elections were held for the position of Chair of the council. Melony Cole Zettler opened the floor for nominations. Janet Wilkinson nominated Linda West for the position of Chair. Melony Cole Zettler asked three times if there were any further nominations from the floor. Liz Krawiec moved nominations cease. Linda West was declared the successful candidate for the position of Chair of the Tamarack Health Advisory Council by acclamation.</p> <p>Elections were held for the position of Vice Chair of the council. Melony Cole Zettler opened the floor for nominations. Debra Hagman nominated Janet Wilkinson for the position of Vice Chair. Melony Cole Zettler asked three times if there were any further nominations from the floor. Linda West moved nominations cease. Janet Wilkinson was declared the successful candidate for the position of Vice Chair of the Tamarack Health Advisory Council by acclamation.</p>	<p>Put forth the names of Linda West Chair and Janet Wilkinson, Vice Chair to the CE Committee of the Board.</p>
<p>7. Next Meeting</p>	<p>The next Tamarack Health Advisory Council Meeting will be: Date: September 19, 2019 Time: 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Location: Edson Healthcare Centre</p>	<p>Melony to invite Edson FCSS to provide update on CMHA Rural mental health pilot project.</p>
<p>8. Meeting Adjournment</p>	<p>Moved by Liz Krawiec to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.</p>	

***Please note that these minutes will be adopted at the next Council meeting.**