



Minutes – True North Health Advisory Council

March 21, 2018 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., La Crete Continuing Care Centre

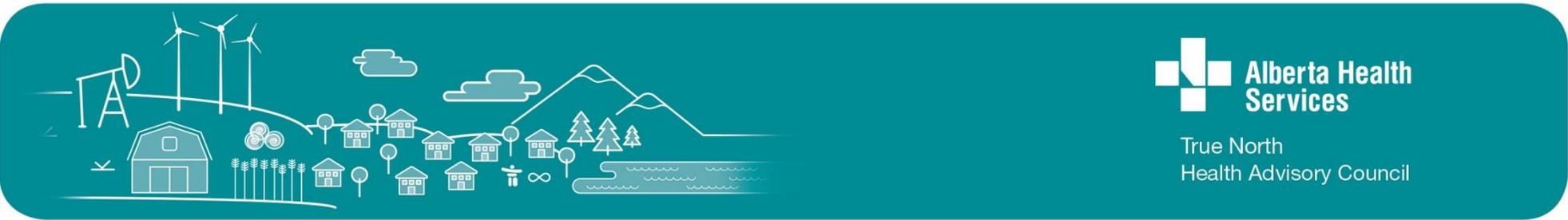
Council members present: Mike Osborne (chair), Rick Cartier, Joyce Fehr, Dan Fletcher, Mary Janzen, Noreen McAteer, Wally Schroeder, Wendy Ward

AHS : Dr. Heinrich Brussow, Shannon Gallant, Angie Mann, Donna Matier, Dr. Albert de Villiers

Public: 57

Regrets: Eric Jorgensen (vice chair), Gord Burnell, Wilma Cardinal, Liane Mercredi

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Approval of Agenda	Moved by Dan Fletcher that the March 21, 2018 agenda be approved. MOTION CARRIED.	
2. Approval of Minutes	Moved by Mary Janzen that the Jan 31, 2018 minutes be approved MOTION CARRIED.	
3. Presentations 3.1. Immunizations- Dr. Albert de Villiers, Medical Officer of Health	Dr. de Villiers provided a presentation on immunizations. Following are some highlights: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The diseases we vaccinate against are: Pertussis, Haemophilus Influenza type B, Meningococcus, Tetanus, Varicella, Pneumococcus, Hepatitis B, Measles and Polio • Dr. de Villiers explained that measles is still seen in Canada, but there is not a high percentage with complications. The vaccine for measles is almost 100% effective so we should not be having cases. Even for vaccines that are not 100%, 60% is better than no protection. 	



- Q: Why are people not vaccinating?
- A: Dr. de Villiers explained that there is some people who are against vaccines for different reasons and that it is hard to change their minds. The nurses are working on getting out to communities to share the correct information with people.

3.2. AHS Area Update, Angie Mann, Director, Clinical Operations

Ms. Mann provided a full report and following are the highlights from the report:

- In health care there needs to be focus on growing our own and local recruitment. Work is underway with the Fort Vermillion school division and Northern Lakes College for interested students in grades 10- 12 to work towards becoming health care aids. There are four RN vacancies in La Crete for homecare. There is ongoing national recruitment for these positions.
- They are working on utilizing RN locums in order to provide RN’s vacation this year.
- The Northwest Health Foundation is working on upgrading the three palliative care suites in the communities in area one. The Foundation will have a booth at the La Crete and High Level trade show and is looking for community feedback on palliative care suites.
- Q: How are RN’s denied vacation when it is part of the labour laws?
- A: The facilities are required to provide care and are not able to do this without nurses. There were not enough RN locums available to cover all the North Zone needs. La Crete currently has 7.2 RN vacancies.
- Q: How are we growing our own?
- A: Twelve students graduated from the health care aid program last year. There are twelve enrolled this year with the majority from La Crete. 2017 was the 1st year of the pilot. In the fall of 2018 Paddle Prairie is interested in joining the Area 1 program. Students can go on for secondary



education to become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or a Registered Nurse (RN). The local grow your own initiative supports recruitment/retention for Area 1.

- Q: Could we do a pilot project where LPN's can be trained locally where they work? We need someone to champion this in the High Level area.
- A: There are up to eight students a year graduating as LPNs and there aren't many vacancies. We are looking at the LPN-RN bridging program to support Area 1 needs.
- Q: How do we help with people going from LPN to RN?
- A: Athabasca University has a program to bridge LPN's to RN's, a distance program that students can work at his/her own pace.
- Q: Do the new palliative care guidelines have any guidelines on euthanizing?
- A: This is completely separate from the palliative care document.

3.3. Voices of the Community

57 community members were present and many comments and concerns were brought up. Themes included:

- There is poor access into the La Crete Advanced Ambulatory Care Centre as there are no power doors.
- La Crete has many staffing vacancies. There are challenges to recruit to this area because it is rural.
- There is no facility to birth babies in La Crete. It causes challenges as travel to High Level is an hour.
- The need for a hospital or other healthcare facility.

A What We Heard document to be created to answer specific questions.

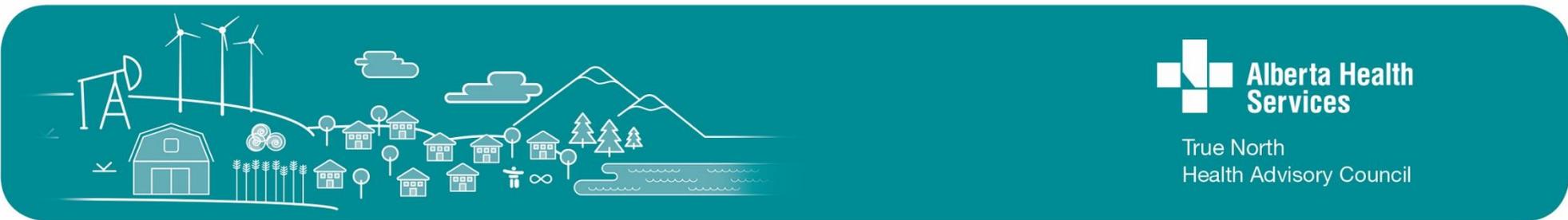
Set up telehealth at La Crete to join in to the next True North HAC meeting at Rainbow Lake.



<p>4. Old Business</p> <p>4.1. Business Arising from Previous Meetings, Shannon Gallant, Advisory Council Coordinator, AHS</p>	<p>Mike Osborn provided overview due to Telehealth issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share the Alberta Health Community Profile for each community with members. Complete. • Mike will bring copies of True to the North to the council of the chairs meeting. Complete. • An invite for the meeting in Rainbow Lake needs to go out. Invite Dene Tha' First Nation, Rainbow Lake town council, EMS and Primary Care Network to next meeting in Rainbow Lake. • The link for the STI report to be sent out. Complete. • Briefing Note about funding for an RN Bridging Program.- Draft completed • Council to write a letter to AHS real estate planning.- Draft completed • Council to write a letter to AHS about Families First program.- Draft completed • Develop a letter about Zoonotic diseases.- Draft completed • Angie to look into microphones for privacy. Complete. • Coordinator to invite Facilities Maintenance and Engineering to the meeting in La Crete. Complete. 	<p>An invite for the meeting in Rainbow Lake needs to go out. Invite Dene Tha' First Nation, Rainbow Lake town council, EMS and PCN to next meeting in Rainbow Lake.</p>
<p>5. New Business</p>		
<p>5.1. True North HAC Chairs Update - Mike Osborn</p>	<p>Mike Osborn reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The HAC chairs get together four times a year. There is a new format for the workplan and the HAC will build the issues and concerns into this plan. • He met with Stacy Greening and she said that she is working on recruiting for mental health in the area. 	
<p>5.2. Physician Recruitment Report</p>	<p>Due to Telehealth issues Susan was unable to present. Dr. Brussow provided Susan's report. Some highlights included:</p>	



<p>– Susan Smith, Physician Resource Planner, AHS North Zone</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruitment is being done for all areas. • High Level has one new family physician incoming. • La Crete’s recruiting target is one family physician. 	
<p>Advisory Council Officer Update Shannon Gallant, Advisory Council Officer</p>	<p>Shannon Gallant provided a report. Following are the highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advisory Council Satisfaction will be out soon. • Work Plan Development- 2018 need to be drafted for May meeting. • Annual Reports need to be approved at the May meeting. • Open Houses/ Municipal Forums are encouraged. • Cannabis Legislation update will be shared at the May meeting. • Advisory Councils Annual Fall Forum is October 26/27 in Edmonton. 	
<p>5.3. Council Roundtable & Good News Stories</p>	<p>Members provided the following input:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rick Cartier shared that there is an Advanced Life Support Ambulance in the area. He suggested calling 911 instead of making the drive to High Level if someone is having a baby. He also shared that EMS fees have dropped in the last few years. • Dan Fletcher shared that cannabis regulation has been passed by the province for legalization of recreational use. • Mary Janzen shared that La Crete needs to have the bilirubin tests available to newborns as currently new moms have to drive to Fort Vermillion and High Level. Mary also noted a need for increased hours at the Advanced Ambulatory Care Centre. • Joyce Fehr shared that the x-ray machine and Dynalife equipment were down in La Crete. The x-ray was down for almost a month. • Noreen McAteer shared that services in Fort Vermillion seem to be diminishing. She was glad to hear that the nursing residence will be used this year for students. 	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy Ward asked about the new Seniors and Continuing Care Provincial Advisory Council. There is a report from the PCN Governance Committee. • Wally Schroeder, Mary Janzen and Joyce Fehr shared their appreciation for all the community members who came out to the meeting tonight. 	Request PCN report for Rainbow meeting
<p>6. Next Meeting</p>	<p>Next Meeting: Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018 Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Location: Rainbow Lake Health Community Health Services, Conference Room</p>	
<p>7. Meeting Evaluation and Adjournment</p>	<p>Moved by Wally Schroeder to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 p.m.</p>	