

**Minutes – True North Health Advisory Council**  
**January 23, 2019 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fort Vermilion Community Health Centre**

**Council members present:** Mike Osborn, Eric Jorgensen, Rick Cartier, Joyce Fehr, Mary Janzen, Noreen McAteer, Liane Mercredi, Wally Schroeder, Wendy Ward  
**AHS:** Dr. Brussow, Shannon Gallant, John LaForest, Angie Mann, Caitlin Vance, David Watts  
**Public:** 17  
**Regrets:** George Fehr, Dan Fletcher

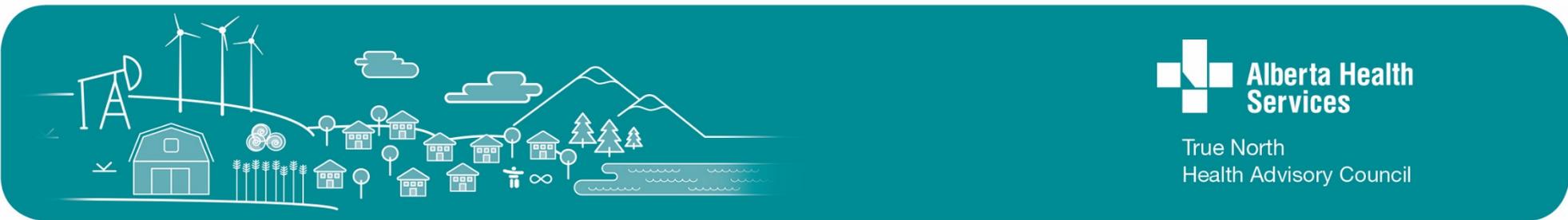
Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
<b>1. Approval of Agenda</b>	Moved by Wally Schroeder that the January 23, 2019 agenda be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b>	
<b>2. Approval of Minutes</b>	Moved by Rick Cartier that the November 28, 2018 minutes be approved. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b>	
<b>3. Presentations</b>  <b>3.1. Addictions and Mental Health (AMH) Update-</b> Caitlin Vance- Acting Manager AMH Area 1 &2, David Watts- Director AMH North Zone, John LaForest- Manager AMH North Zone	Caitlin Vance provided an AMH update in Area 1. Highlights included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are vacancies for one mental health therapist and one nurse. There is a posting up for the mental health therapist and interviews will be occurring soon. The nursing position is currently posted and there is a locum request as well for the nurse vacancy.</li> <li>• The administrative role has been filled and casual admin are assisting with the administrative work as well.</li> <li>• The intake program is running well. If the intake worker is available she will talk with the patient right away and if not they will be booked in for an appointment within three days.</li> </ul>	



	<p>Q: What is being done about staff burnout?</p> <p>A: AHS is working on work-life balance. There are therapists available for staff and work is being done on looking at where stressors come from and dealing with these challenges.</p> <p>Q: Is AHS looking into creating a suicide protocol? This is a missing piece when people access the hospital. .</p> <p>A: There is not one at the local level. Now that there are more staff, we can begin to look at processes at the zone level and this will be included.</p> <p>Q: This is a concern with First Nations communities. How are you going to work with these individuals when they return to their communities? People need to know what is available in the communities they are returning to.</p> <p>A: It is a commitment from AHS to work with First Nations communities. The team will work with communities to understand what the challenges are.</p>	
<p><b>3.2. North Peace Tribal Council-</b> Caroline Adam-Courtoreille- Health Director</p>	<p>Caroline Adam-Courtoreille provided an overview on some of the supports available through the Tribal Council and the work they are doing on this included highlights about: homecare, Public Health Nurse, training for crisis response, Indian Residential Schools Health Support Program, medical transportation, support for families that need to be away from home to birth their babies and working to build relationships with communities and build cultural awareness.</p> <p>Q: Diabetes has always been an issue the HAC has been aware of and that there used to be a mobile screening program. Is this something that North Peace would be interested in?</p> <p>A: In the past there was something similar to this. Each Aboriginal community receives funding for diabetes through the Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative (ADI).</p>	



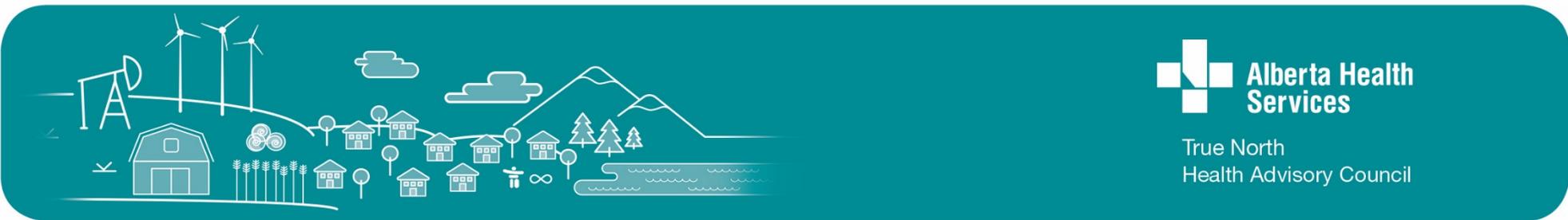
<p><b>3.3. Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP)-</b> Rebekah Seidel- Director of Rural Community Development and Engagement</p>	<p>Rebekah Seidel shared an update from RhPAP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RhPAP Rhapsody Award Nominations are due on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019</li> <li>• RhPAP is currently hiring for a part-time Rural Community Consultants in the area.</li> </ul>	<p>Send out RhPAP Rhapsody Award nominations documents to council.</p>
<p><b>3.4. AHS Area Update-</b> Angie Mann, Director, Clinical Operations</p>	<p>Angie Mann presented on a number of key initiatives underway in the Zone including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment: Under the Enhancing Care in the Community funding, recruitment is underway for 1.0 FTE Healthcare Aide in Fort Vermillion and a 1.0 FTE Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in High Level. La Crete’s 0.4 FTE LPN position was filled as of Dec. 5th. Recruitment is underway for a Public Health Nurse in Fort Vermillion.</li> <li>• With the locum program, all RN’s who requested vacation this year received it.</li> <li>• Festival of Trees Family Fun Night sold out and all proceeds have been allocated to the Palliative Care suites in La Crete, Fort Vermillion and High Level.</li> <li>• A security upgrade is targeted for completion for mid to end of December at the Northwest Health Center. Work is underway for the Fort Vermillion – St. Theresa Hospital Security Upgrade with scheduled implementation date of March 2019. Nurse Call Bell System Upgrade work is underway for LaCrete Long Term Care and the LaCrete Community Health Centre.</li> <li>• The desk at the La Crete Community Health Centre was modified for those using a wheel chair or who need to sit down.</li> </ul> <p>Q: What is happening to the door at the La Crete Community Health Centre? We are still waiting for changes as it is not wheelchair accessible.</p>	



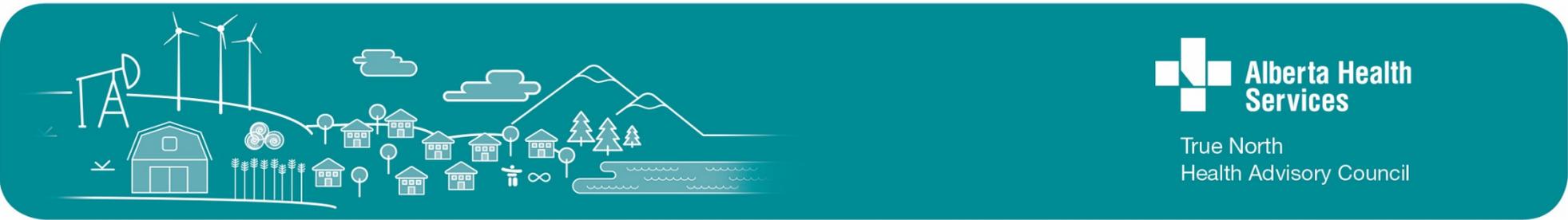
	<p>A: An engineer is coming to look at the door on February 4<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Q: Can the contact information for the lactation consultant be shared with First Nations communities?</p> <p>A: Yes work is currently going on for a referral process. There will be one number for everyone to call. This number will be shared out when it is ready.</p>	<p>Share out number for lactation consultant.</p>
<p><b>3.5. Voices of the Community</b></p>	<p>The following voices of the community were heard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fort Vermilion has a foundation that wants to buy things for the hospital. They are welcome to purchase items for the hospital but they have to be on the list of needs and the items must be up to standards.</li> <li>• There is a shed in the back of the Fort Vermilion Community Health Centre that is not being used as it cannot store medical equipment because it is not secure and heated. The building was purchased for the site so a conversation will need to be had with the donor to see if it can be donated to someone else who can use it. Eric Jorgensen to touch base with Angie Mann to discuss.</li> <li>• More frontline people not managers are needed for mental health. Access to mental health services should be available in all the communities 24/7.</li> </ul> <p>Q: I have heard that St Theresa hospital will close and become a long term care facility. Is there any truth to this?</p> <p>A: Angie Mann shared that there is nothing she knows about it closing. Staff have recently been hired and the beds are busy. Maintenance work is also planned for the hospital.</p> <p>Q: Will births come to Fort Vermilion.</p> <p>A: Dr. Brussow shared that currently doctors do not have insurance to do deliveries in Fort Vermilion.</p>	<p>Invite facilities management to a future meeting to discuss work in Fort Vermilion. Is there a 3-5 year plan on what is being done with the hospital?</p>
<p><b>4. Old Business</b></p>	<p>Following are the action items from the previous meeting:</p>	



<p><b>4.1. Business Arising from Previous Meetings, Shannon Gallant, Advisory Council Coordinator, AHS</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shannon Gallant to provide Brad Giles contact information to Stacy Greening. Complete.</li> <li>• Angie Mann to share the date work on the door at the La Crete Community Health Centre will begin. An engineer is scheduled to look at the door on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Complete.</li> <li>• Shannon Gallant to set up meeting in New Year to discuss workplan. Complete.</li> <li>• Invite health director of North Peace Tribal Council to next meeting. Complete.</li> <li>• Addictions and Mental Health to come to next meeting. Complete.</li> <li>• Update on members terms. Complete.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5. New Business</b></p>		
<p><b>5.1. Chairs Report- Mike Osborn</b></p>	<p>Mike Osborn shared a brief update including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Council of Chairs held a meeting in December.</li> <li>• Impression is that AHS and the AHS Board are getting more serious on community engagement.</li> <li>• Would like to look at all of the Briefing Notes since the HAC began.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.2. Council Roundtable &amp; Good News Stories</b></p>	<p>Following are the highlights of feedback shared by Council members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joyce Fehr shared that work has not begun yet on the door that the HAC advocated for at Ambulatory Care in La Crete. This is not the only issue for entering the facility as there is snow and ice as well that has not been cleared. These are minor things that don't get attention and impact people's ability to access health care.</li> <li>• Wendy Ward shared that two patients died in Little Red because they did not want to leave their community to access dialysis. Dialysis is needed in the area. What is being done with the busses that were mobile dialysis</li> </ul>	<p>Invite someone to speak on Dialysis to a future meeting.</p>



	<p>units that were located in communities that now have permanent dialysis units? What is needed for people to receive dialysis in their homes?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rick Cartier shared that the staff in Rainbow Lake has questions about having security. Angie shared that they are working on requesting funding for security at Rainbow Lake.</li> <li>• Liane Mercredi shared that it is nice to see the new equipment at St Theresa’s. The sleeper chair was really helpful for a friend with a child in the hospital. There is a date set for cultural safety training that North Peace is putting on. HAC members are welcome to participate.</li> <li>• Noreen McAteer shared that she is glad to see that mental health is a priority in the area and that services are being improved. Noreen would like services to be brought back to Fort Vermilion including birthing babies. People do not want to leave their communities and these services are not accessible.</li> <li>• Wally Schroeder received a same day appointment at the walk in clinic and was in and out in 20 minutes. There are excellent services in the area and he shared that he is thankful to have them.</li> <li>• Eric Jorgensen shared that the Mackenzie County held cannabis meetings in Fort Vermilion and La Crete. Eric attended a meeting two years ago at the River Cree Hotel in Edmonton about alternative health delivery and relationships between First Nations and government. They spoke about the All Nations Healing Hospital in Fort Qu’Appelle, Saskatchewan. Eric would like to look into if this model is a possibility with the Fort Vermilion hospital.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>5.3. Advisory Council Officer Update</b></p>	<p>Shannon shared a full report. The topics are listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruitment Campaign January 14th to February 1<sup>st</sup></li> <li>• Annual Satisfaction Survey – January 21st to February 1<sup>st</sup></li> </ul>	



<p>Shannon Gallant, Advisory Council Officer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Top 5 – 10 issues will be a regular agenda item</li> <li>• Important Action Items for 2019 Meetings             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Meeting Dates –Joyce Fehr moved to approve the 2019-2020 meeting dates <b>MOTION APPROVED.</b></li> <li>○ 2019/2020 Work Plan –work plans to be complete and approved at March 2019 meeting</li> <li>○ 2018/2019 Annual Report – annual reports to be complete and approved at May 2019 meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Advisory Councils’ member profiles</li> <li>• Kudos</li> <li>• 2018 Advisory Councils’ Fall Forum is October 25 &amp; 26<sup>th</sup>, 2019</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>Next Meeting: Date: May 15, 2019 Time: 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Location: La Crete Continuing Care Centre</p>	
<p><b>7. Meeting Evaluation and Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Moved by Eric Jorgensen to end the meeting at 8:45 p.m.</p>	