



## True North Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 24, 2021 / 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. / Zoom

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
<b>Members</b>	Liane Mercredi (Chair), Richard Cartier (Vice-Chair), Jessica Juneau, Judith Wiebe, Nella Fehr
<b>AHS</b>	Angie Mann, Jasneet Parmar, Maya Atallah, Sharon Anderson
<b>Regrets</b>	George Fehr, Jan Welke, Pam Boese, Ray Toews, Wilma Cardinal
<b>Public</b>	Nine
<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b>	Liane welcomed all in attendance and went through introductions. Liane provided a land acknowledgment.
<b>Approval of previous minutes</b>	September 16, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus via email.
STANDING ITEMS	
<b>Action items from the previous meeting</b>	<p>Action items from the September 16, 2020 meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Angie Mann will share information on local recruitment for environmental services in Fort Vermilion so Council members can help spread the word. <b>Complete</b></li> <li>• Maya Atallah will share breast screening information with Council to share with their communities when mobile screening is scheduled. <b>Complete</b></li> <li>• Angie Mann will share information on influenza vaccines when Public Health shares its posters. <b>Complete</b></li> <li>• Angie Mann will look into the reason medevac services have been down in Fort Vermilion. <b>Complete</b></li> <li>• Cheryll Welke will provide information on RhPAP and her role. <b>Complete</b></li> <li>• Maya Atallah will look into more information on the Northern Incentives Program. <b>Complete</b></li> <li>• Liane Mercredi will speak to community members to encourage concerns of a specific site be reported in writing to the site manager so a proper investigation can take place. <b>Complete</b></li> </ul>
<b>Alberta Health Services Zone Update</b>	<p><b>Angie Mann, Director, Clinical Operations, provided the following update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reopening of 20 beds that were closed due to staffing shortages from November 2, 2020 to January 31, 2021. Area 1 is now operating at normal bed capacity.</li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Active recruitment of healthcare professionals is ongoing in Area 1.</li> <li>• Connect Care goes live in North Zone on April 10, 2021. Staff are undergoing training to prepare for the go-live date.</li> <li>• All departments within AHS are working hard to support the Medical Officer of Health's orders regarding pandemic activity. Door screeners remain in place at each site.</li> <li>• The province's phased immunization program is in phase 1B. For more information visit the <a href="#">Alberta Health website</a> or <a href="#">Alberta Health Services Vaccine website</a>.</li> <li>• Great news from the University of Calgary Partnership, nursing students can be placed in Area 1 for their final practicum, from January –April 2021.</li> </ul>
<b>Community Partners</b>	Holly Handfield, Rural Community Consultant with Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP), shared updates with Council. Highlights include: upcoming RhPAP information sessions along with the dates they will be held; Rhapsody Awards still open for nominations; explanation of the Rural Education and Advanced Learning (REAL) program and that it is now open for applications. The annual RhPAP Conference has been postponed until October 4-6, 2022.
<b>Voices of the Community</b>	Public in attendance had no comments.
<b>Council Round Table</b>	<p>The following was shared by Council members regarding COVID-19 in their communities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community of Rainbow Lake is wondering about the status of the Rainbow Lake Airport.</li> <li>• Great feedback from the community of La Crete regarding the renovation done to the Community Health Centre entrance doors.</li> <li>• A land acknowledgment is done at the beginning of many Health Advisory Council (HAC) meetings and True North HAC will begin this practice moving forward.</li> </ul>
<b>Action Item(s)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jessica Juneau will get clarification on the status of the Rainbow Lake Airport.</li> </ul>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>Presentation(s)</b>	<p><b>Co-designing a Better System to Support Family Caregivers.</b>  <i>Dr. Jasneet Parmar, Medical Lead, AHS Edmonton Zone Homecare &amp; Transitions, and Dr. Sharon Anderson, Research Coordinator at University of Alberta</i></p>



	<p>The presentation outlined the Family Caregivers program in Alberta, why they are important, the effect of the COVID- 19 pandemic and how people can support them to care for and maintain their health. A Caregiver Centered Competency-Based Education module was also introduced. Dr. Parmar invited attendees to spread the word on how the public can become competent in this framework of supporting caregivers. More information can be found at <a href="https://caregivercare.ca">caregivercare.ca</a>.</p>
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<p>Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 Time: 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Location: Online via Zoom Contact <a href="mailto:community.engagement@ahs.ca">community.engagement@ahs.ca</a> for details</p>

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