



**Minutes – Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council  
September 19, 2018 / 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. / Anzac Recreation Centre – Second Floor Meeting Room**

**Council members present:** Tinna Ezikiel (Vice Chair), Sandra Grandison, Mary Gerosa, Jim Moore, Valerie O’Leary, Carol Theberge, Rita Uzorchukwuamaka.  
**AHS:** Melony Cole Zettler, Murray Crawford, Gail Hachey, Monique Janes, Jennifer Splaine, Deborah Whetstone  
**Public:** 7, Kim Fleming (RhPAP), June Cat (FCSS Anzac), Steve Adrejiw (ACoA), Linda Mywaart (Chair ACoA) Natalie Castro - Gentili, Evelyn Okoh  
**Regrets:** Cathryn Beck

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b>	Melony Cole Zettler welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
<b>1. Approval of Agenda</b>	Moved by Tinna Ezikiel to approve the agenda for September 19, 2018. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b>	
<b>2. Approval of Minutes</b>	Moved by Sandy Grandison to approve the minutes for May 16, 2018. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b>	
<b>3. Election of Chair</b>	Elections were held for the position of Chair of the council. Melony Cole Zettler opened the floor for nominations. Sandy Grandison nominated Valerie O’Leary for the position of Chair. Melony Cole Zettler asked three times if there were any further nominations from the floor. Mary Gerosa moved nominations cease. Valerie O’Leary was declared the successful candidate for the position of Chair of the Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council by acclamation.	Put forth the name of Valerie O’Leary, Chair to the CE Committee of the Board. <b>Complete.</b>
<b>4. Presentation- Population and Public Health - Monique Janes, Director, Public Health North Zone and Jennifer Splaine, Manager, Public Health Fort McMurray</b>	<b>Highlights from the presentations were:</b> Population, Public and Indigenous Health Strategic Plan 2017- 2020 The highlights of the presentation included the following top priorities: 1. Enhance the health of residents by improving immunization rates and through control of communicable diseases. 2. Promote a healthy start for newborns, children, and their families. 3. Build new and foster existing partnerships that contribute to healthy school communities. 4. Improve the health of residents by reducing preventable chronic diseases and injuries. 5. Improve health of Indigenous and diverse populations.	

	<p>They also provided an overview of “What is Population Health?”  “The health outcomes of a group of individuals, including the distribution of such outcomes within the group.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An approach to health that aims to improve the health of an entire population: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ By reducing health inequities among population groups.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>By addressing a broad range of factors that impact health on a population-level, such as environment, social structure, resource distribution, etc</p> <p>Communities in the area that have public health offices include Anzac, Conklin, Fort McMurray, and Janvier.</p> <p><u>There are contracted clinic services at the following locations:</u></p> <p>Gregoire Lake First Nation (Local 468 Fort McMurray)  Location: Gregoire Lake Health Center  Clinics: Tues. and Thurs. 8:15 AM to 4:30 PM</p> <p>Chipewyan Prairie First Nation  Location: Janvier Health Center  Clinic Times: 4 days per week</p> <p><b>Public Health Program Model</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevention and Promotion</li> <li>• Some programs and services are mandated by the <i>Public Health Act</i></li> <li>• Delivery of programs are customized to meet the needs of communities to address access, quality and sustainability. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Culture, size and history may influence program delivery</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wherever possible programs are delivered through partnerships with community organizations</li> </ul> <p><b>Programs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health Nursing provides the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Communicable Disease Control (including Tuberculosis (TB)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Maternal Newborn Program (Prenatal Education, Postpartum, Breastfeeding Clinic,</li> <li>▪ Newborn Metabolic Screening</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Well Child Clinic ( growth and development assessment, injury prevention, health</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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	<p>promotion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Immunizations (Child and Adult), including influenza and travel immunizations.</li> <li>○ School Immunizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Visit 33 schools in Wood Buffalo and administered a total of 1717 vaccines to students in 2017/2018 school year.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Health Promotion includes the following services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Brief Tobacco Intervention</li> <li>○ Chronic Disease Prevention</li> <li>○ Workplace Wellness</li> <li>○ Cancer Screening Promotion</li> <li>○ Prevent Alcohol Related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.)</li> <li>○ Walk On Program</li> <li>○ Safe Communities</li> <li>○ Seniors Health</li> <li>○ Comprehensive School Health</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Oral Health</li> <li>▪ Indigenous Health (including contracts with First Nation and Metis settlements)</li> <li>▪ Early Childhood Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Home and group based individual support to children who are developmentally delayed, premature and/or medically fragile from birth to preschool age.</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ <b>Local Initiatives:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Inner City Homeless Initiative</li> <li>○ Baby Friendly Initiative</li> <li>○ Northern Star Mothers Milk Bank Donation Site</li> <li>○ Healthy Tools for Healthy Tots</li> <li>○ Mobile Health Unit</li> <li>○ Rainbow Space - YMM Pride</li> <li>○ Harm Reduction – Take Home Naloxone Program</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Influenza 2018/2019</b>  Seasonal influenza immunizations will be offered starting October 15, 2018.  Local Public Health clinics will offer walk-in appointments for Influenza Immunizations; and for information regarding other influenza clinics in your community visit <a href="http://ahs.ca/influenza">ahs.ca/influenza</a></p> <p><b><u>Council had the following questions about the presentation:</u></b>  Q – For the TB screening, is that routine or just when suspected?  A – We do lots of new Canadian screenings. We typically only screen Canadians with concerns to the TB</p>	
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	<p>corridor. If they have a positive Mantoux test we will treat them prophylactically.</p> <p>Q – Do you bring seniors out in your data?</p> <p>A – We can if there’s an inquiry, but we typically only do that for the Flu.</p> <p>Q – What do you find is the most popular service you offer?</p> <p>A- Recently, we have had a consistent demand for presentations on Harm Reduction.</p> <p>Q – Will you be offering the Naloxone nasal spray?</p> <p>A – No, we follow Health Canada guidelines. The injectable has a longer shelf life and is significantly cheaper to produce.</p> <p>Q- What is the availability of Naloxone in rural communities?</p> <p>A- Each public health center and Indigenous community has been visited to provide training and support. We will train anyone who asks and we partner with HIV North.</p> <p>Q – Do you feel your services are well received by the Indigenous communities?</p> <p>A – Yes, all staff members in Population and Public Health have Indigenous sensitivity training.</p> <p>Q- How are you currently supporting the trans population?</p> <p>A- We collaborate with schools and Regional Collaborative Service Delivery (RCSD) to help them.</p>	
<b>Old Business</b>		
<b>5. Business arising from the minutes</b>	A promotional tool also known as a “one-pager” has been drafted. Moved by Sandy Grandison for approval of the “one-pager”. <b>MOTION CARRIED.</b>	
<b>6. New Business</b>		
<b>6.1 Physician Recruitment Report – Gail Hachey, Physician Resource Planner and Deborah Whetstone, Manager, Medical Affairs</b>	Gail Hachey provided a report of physician vacancies to council. They are recruiting for one obstetrics and gynecology physician and two child and adolescent psychiatrists for the region. A pediatrician has left the community recently and we are waiting on an impact assessment to see if we can start recruitment to fill that vacancy.	
<b>6.2 Advisory Committee on Aging - Steve Andrejiw, Project Lead – Age Friendly Initiative</b>	Steve Andrejiw provided the following information: The Advisory Committee on Aging’s (ACOA) mandate is to gather public input and make strategic recommendations to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo (RMWB) Council regarding service delivery for seniors. In late 2015, the ACOA and its partner agencies hosted a series of engagements to capture public input towards the Committee’s vision of Aging with Dignity in Wood Buffalo. In addition to public engagement, the ACOA has, with Council approval, applied to the World Health Organization and began working toward the requirements for designation as an Age Friendly Community.	

	<p>They are recruiting a new member from the Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council. Appendix A of the RMWB Committees Bylaw No. 17/024 requires that one individual be appointed from the Wood Buffalo Health Advisory Council to the Advisory Committee on Aging. As this Committee provides a forum for stakeholder input on strategies and service delivery issues affecting seniors by drawing upon, the expertise of member groups such as yours; it is vital that this position be filled to ensure the committee can fulfill its mandate.</p> <p>Committee Responsibilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To provide a forum for stakeholder input on strategies and service delivery issues affecting seniors</li> <li>• To deal with matters referred to it by Council</li> <li>• To make recommendations to Council</li> <li>• To lead the RMWB in becoming an Age Friendly Community according to the World Health Organization</li> </ul> <p>Time Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee will meet at the call of the Chair</li> <li>• Meetings are currently held every second Thursday of each month from 1 – 4 p.m.</li> <li>• Committee members will be required at promotional or engagement type functions</li> <li>• The time commitment is seven to 10 hours per month, including meetings, engagements and email responses</li> </ul> <p>Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be 18 years of age; and</li> <li>• Must be a resident of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6.3 North Zone Update – Murray Crawford, Senior Operating Officer</b></p>	<p>Following are the highlights from the full report provided by Murray Crawford about current projects at the Northern Lights Regional Health Centre:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new Volunteer Coordinator has been hired.</li> <li>• Scaffolding has been erected on the North side of the building in preparation for phase two. Window replacement has started on the third floor.</li> <li>• Renovations will be complete on the Maternity/ Child unit in September. Floors, millwork, painting, and plumbing are complete.</li> <li>• The second floor inpatient expansion is complete.</li> <li>• The Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Machine is scheduled to be replaced this year.</li> <li>• The lobby skylight is being replaced as part of the building envelope project. The old skylight has been removed and the structure is in place for a new one.</li> <li>• A new Computed Topography (CT) scanner has been removed and a replacement unit was installed August 23, 2018.</li> </ul>	

	<p>Other Major Events and Initiatives in Fort McMurray include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The foundation is being poured at the Willow Square Continuing Care Centre and walls are starting to go up. The construction is on schedule.</li> <li>• The tentative completion for the Timberlea Psychiatric Outpatient construction is January 29, 2019 and occupancy in February 2019.</li> <li>• Influenza immunizations will start October 15, 2018.</li> <li>• The Baby Friendly Initiative by Population Public Health will be launching a new campaign to promote normalizing of breastfeeding in public in Wood Buffalo.</li> <li>• Public Health Nurses continue to provide service two days per week to patrons at the Center of Hope for the Fort McMurray Inner City Homeless Project.</li> <li>• Street Connect, a multidisciplinary team comprised of a nurse practitioner, registered nurse, registered psychiatric nurse, Indigenous liaison, recovery worker and administrative support, is hitting the streets of Fort McMurray to deliver a wide range of services to homeless.</li> <li>• There is a new Allied Support Team, consisting of two registered nurses, one social worker, one occupational therapist and one recreational therapist with the North Zone Inpatient Psychiatry Quality and Access Enhancement Initiative. The team will provide therapeutic programming that supports skill development, coping strategies, relationship building and other psycho-social-support.</li> <li>• Alberta Health Services and the Government of Alberta are expanding opioid dependency treatment in the AHS North Zone.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6.5</b>      <b>Work Plan Progress and Upcoming Priorities</b></p>	<p>Planning for the 2019/ 2020 work plan - The North Zone leadership would like to meet with all of the membership from the six health advisory councils in the north on Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> in the am. The North Zone leads would like to discuss some initiatives in the north zone and discuss together opportunities for HAC involvement. A follow up memo will come out shortly to this effect.</p>	
<p><b>6.6</b>      <b>Advisory Council Update – Melony Cole-Zettler, Advisory Council Coordinator</b></p>	<p>Following are the highlights from the report by Melony Cole-Zettler:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your advisory council brochure – accomplishments have been added and is complete.</li> <li>• Satisfaction Survey - Please review your results and provide feedback.</li> <li>• Top 5 – 10 issues – Review and update your list to submit to the Community Engagement Committee of the Board.</li> <li>• Committee participation – please advise which committees you are on</li> <li>• Advisory Councils’ member profiles – As part of the communications plan profiles will be shared on social media, in internal newsletters and as posters for your local site.</li> <li>• “We are AHS” - Highlights the faces of the people who make AHS what it is.</li> <li>• Sharing information with the Provincial Advisory Councils and the Wisdom Council</li> <li>• Advisory Councils’ Fall Forum – October 26 &amp; 27, 2018 – Make sure you are registered.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Media Champions – Webinar scheduled for October 10.</li> </ul>	
<b>7. Council Round Table and Good News Stories</b>	Mary Gerosa is part of the Alberta Dental Association and College (ADA&C) and shared their new Start School Smiling Campaign, which is designed to promote dental health to all Grade One students. Volunteer ADA&C member dentists will provide a free examination, with bitewing x-rays if needed, from September 15 to October 31, 2018. Five offices in Fort McMurray are participating.	Melony to share Start School Smiling program with council. <b>Complete.</b>
<b>8. Next Meeting</b>	Date: Wednesday, November 21, 2019 Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Location: The McMurray Experience	
<b>9. Meeting Evaluation and Adjournment</b>	Moved by Sandy Grandison to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.	