



Minutes – Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council

June 20th 2018/5:00 pm – 8:00 pm/Lloydminster Hospital, 3820 43 Ave – Conf. Rm 1 –Lloydminster SK

Council Members: Pat Johnson (Chair), Doug MacKay, Deborah McMann, Glenys Reeves, Taneen Rudyk
Alberta Health Services: Maya Atallah, Dr. Edgcumbe, Debora Okrainetz
Public: Seven
Regrets: Gary Duffett (Vice Chair), Sarah Hissett, Ken McNeil, Elaine Sorochan

<i>Agenda Item</i>	<i>Discussion</i>	<i>Action</i>
Welcome and Introductions	Pat Johnson, co-chair welcomed everyone and introductions occurred.	
1. Approval of Agenda	Moved by Taneen Rudyk that the agenda of June 20, 2018 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.	
2. Approval of Minutes	Moved by Deborah McMann that the minutes of Wednesday, March 14, 2018 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.	
3. Presentations		
3.1. Cannabis Legalization – Presented Via Telehealth <i>Dr. Ifeoma Achebe – Medical Officer of Health, Community Medicine</i>	Dr. Ifeoma Achebe, Medical Officer of Health for AHS Central Zone, shared a presentation on pending cannabis (marijuana) legislation to council members and members of the public in attendance.	
3.2. Provincial Advisory Council - Cancer <i>Lorelee Marin - PAC Cancer Council Member</i>	Lorelee Marin, Health Promotion Facilitator for Community Addictions and Mental Health, and a member of the Cancer Provincial Advisory Council provided information on the work of the Cancer PAC. She explained how the Council provides support to enhance cancer care for all Albertans. They work in partnership with AHS to provide evidence-based suggestions on services related to cancer; prevention and screening, diagnosis, treatment, care and research.	

4. Old Business		
4.1. Review of Action Items from the minutes of Wednesday, May 16, 2018	<p>Maya Atallah provided an update on outstanding items from the Wednesday, May 16, 2018 HAC meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pat will complete a list of the top priorities and share with the group. Complete. 2. Status update of the Zone Healthcare plan and report back at the May meeting. Complete. 	
5. New Business		
<p>5.1. Central Zone Executive Leadership Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Dr. Edgcumbe – Zone Medical Director, Central Zone -Debora Okrainetz - Area Director 	<p>Debora Okrainetz provided an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shared that despite a slight deficit in the central zone budget, overall it is better than previous years. - There a vacancy in management positions in the central zone and they continue to look at different options to entice managers. - AHS will be meeting in the next couple weeks with Saskatchewan Health Authorities to work towards the road of togetherness. Seeing Lloydminster as one instead of two separate provinces. - While Kerry Bales, Chief Zone Officer is away, Sherie Allen will be covering. - Dialysis in Lloydminster is in the finally stages. AHS central zone leadership is advocating tremendously to ensure funding support is available for all operational needs. - A property assessment for the Provost Clinic is in the final stages. The AHS property is being tested. - The official opening of the Wainwright emergency department expansion will occur at the end of July. A three week delay was due to finding asbestos in the walls. - Pioneer House has given Lloydminster supportive living residents the chance to stay close to their loved ones. The challenges it is facing are due to many stakeholders being involved in management. <p>Dr. Daniel Edgcumbe provided an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Physician recruitment is going well in the Central Zone. Camrose is getting a psychiatrist, pediatrician and family doctor. Vegreville, Lamont, Wainwright and Provost have successfully recruited family doctors. Recruitment has gotten better due to the changes of international sponsorship rules. 	<p>Debora Okrainetz will provide follow up on what happened to the mobile MRI that use to come to Lloydminster.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central Zone has a mandatory physician orientation. This is to improve the transition from urban to rural sites. The last orientation included 20 new recruits. - Wainwright had successful “Skills Days” for high school students. It introduced students to all of the different careers that are available in the healthcare industry and encouraged them to work in rural areas. This was hosted by Alberta’s Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP). - The Zone healthcare plan is in draft form. The plan is jointly drafted together by Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services. Once it is released it will be shared with the HAC and communities. The plan will describe the type of services that AHS hopes to deliver. <p>Questions from the community for Deb and Dr. Edgcumbe</p> <p>Q: Are there any positions held in the school of medicine for rural students like there is for out of province or international? This may help with the rural physician recruitment.</p> <p>A: AHS has continuous conversation with various colleges and sets work plans for recruitment workforce planning. There are special funds and bursaries available to rural students but no spots are currently held.</p> <p>Q: With the expansion of Pioneer House, have wait times gone down?</p> <p>A: The waitlist has been reduced by 80%.</p> <p>Q: Is there an update on ambulance services in Lloydminster?</p> <p>A: At this time there is none.</p> <p>Q: A mobile MRI unit was servicing Lloydminster. Is there a reason it is no longer available?</p> <p>A: Debora Okrainetz will follow up. Dr. Edgcumbe commented that Diagnostic Imaging has a system of tracking where the referrals come from for services.</p> <p>Q: How can Lloydminster get systems like Connect Care and Netcare?</p> <p>A: AHS management has been advocating for Lloydminster. The trouble and delay is getting two different ministries and two different health authorities to agree.</p> <p>Q: What can be done about the orthopedic wait times for surgeries in Lloydminster?</p> <p>A: YEHAC has identified wait times to be a community issue and has brought that to AHS. Urgent surgeries are completed as needed.</p>	
<p>5.2. Council Member Roundtable & Voices of the Community</p>	<p>Doug MacKay – Doug will be attending the monthly Primary Care Network meeting teleconference on June 21st. The meeting will be discussing opioid use. St. Mary’s Hospital is</p>	

undergoing renovations and progress is slow.

Taneen Rudyk– Taneen as part of the Safe and Healthy Communities Committee for Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA), sat in on a few “Cannabis Let’s Talk Alberta”, which Vegreville hosted. AUMA has also had many talks about where they stand in regards to combative sports. They are hoping larger centers host the events for safety reasons. AUMA also decided that municipalities have the authority to pass bylaws requiring youth to use helmets for wheeled activities rather than a provincial mandate. Covenant Health is approaching its “10 Year Anniversary” and a number of celebrations will be taking place at various sites. Taneen spoke on the benefits of having skills days for students and hopes to plan them regionally. The town is able to attract and retain more healthcare works as well as identity community needs. During the last skills day, the need for healthcare aides was identified and now a Health Care program is developed and will be starting in September to educate students to becoming prospective healthcare aides. Since the temporary close of Mary Immaculate Hospital in Mundare, a new concern has been raised. It seems as though patient’s records were being documented differently and now patients do not have access to their charts. This emphasizes the importance of consistent practices throughout health facilities. The newly renovated Vegreville hospital still does not have a Medical Director.

Deborah McMann – Deborah shared that Kaylyna Country Primary Care Network does not have a Nurse Practitioner. A change to the Mannville lab services will take place on October 1, 2018. There will be no job losses and there will not be an impact to the level of service to the public. The change will be to where the collection is tested.

Glenys Reeves – Glenys shared from the social needs assessment in Lloydminster a number of recommendations came forward and one of them is on Mental Health. Project Sunrise is a program that will introduce new Mental Health initiatives in the community. Lakeland College has received funding to do work around mental health and wellness for students. Glenys has been working with Thorpe Recovery Centre and hopes to visit Camrose to see the model they are using for their inpatient beds in hopes of bring that model to the Thorpe Recovery Centre in Lloydminster. She has also met with a steering committee that would like to start a pilot project that has patient navigators help people navigate through the mental health system. She expressed that many Lloydminster community members are upset that nothing is coming out of the previous bi-provincial report that recommended ambulance services and a health record system such as Netcare.

	<p><u>Community Voices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There has not been a bi-provincial meeting in a while and the community would like updates on what is being done to revive the hospital. - Lloydminster is an opportune place, what are the plans for future developments. - A representative from Women Warriors expressed that through her studies she has noticed that indigenous women are still facing racism when accessing the health system. She stated that there is also a lack of proper record keeping for patients. - Why are neonates in Alberta seen differently than in Saskatchewan? <p><u>Debora Okrainetz and Dr. Edgcumbe responses to Community Voices</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change in government and the turnover of the committee members has delayed the opportunity for the bi-provincial committee to meet. The Committee is developing, understands and hears what the community concerns are. The committee is still seeking a representative from the Lloydminster Alberta side. - AHS offers numerous educational courses and modules for all its staff both in person and online. Indigenous education continues to be a work in progress but we are proud of how far we have come as an organization to bring awareness to more education. - Both Saskatchewan and Alberta babies have access to a neonatologist, just in different methods (phone vs telehealth) and Saskatchewan has not progressed as quickly as Alberta. 	
<p>5.3. Report from the Chair - Pat Johnston, Chair</p>	<p>Pat Johnson did not have any updates for the meeting. Pat is looking forwards to upcoming meetings with the Lloydminster Community Health Advisory Network.</p>	
<p>6. Advisory Council Coordinator Update</p> <p>Maya Atallah, Advisory Council Coordinator</p>	<p>Maya Atallah provided a full report. Following are the highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advisory Council Satisfaction Survey next steps - Advisory Council’s Fall Forum Planning Updates - A request from to provide some questions on what governance and what operations questions they may have for the Advisory Councils Fall Forum by mid-June. - Promotional tools and a one page summary of what the Health Advisory Council is opposed to a brochure format what was previously used. 	

8. Date of Next Meeting	Date: September 24, 2018 Time: 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Location: Two Hills Health Care Centre 4401 53 Ave, Two Hills AB T0B 4K0	
9. Meeting Evaluation and Adjournment	Moved by Doug MacKay to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm.	

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