



## Oldman River Health Advisory Council Commitments 2023 - 2026

Topic	Commitment
<b>Alternate Levels of Care - Seniors and Continuing Care</b>	<p><b>Council has identified that seniors (and loved ones) are not always aware of resources available pertaining to remaining at home as long as possible. Council commits to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host a presentation or engagement event on the topic of home care services that allow seniors to stay in their homes as long as possible.</li> <li>• Identify and share AHS information from zone leadership on the role of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and supports that are available to seniors living at home.</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Care</b>	<p><b>Council recognizes that due to population growth, access to healthcare service providers is a concern due to the number of providers, proximity to urban and rural areas, and ongoing recruitment and retention issues in the zone. Council commits to:</b></p> <p><b>Workforce Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host an information session or engagement event on the South Zone Workforce Strategy, including recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals within the HAC area, in partnership with Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP).</li> <li>• Identify and share information with community members on how to find and access new family doctors and walk-in healthcare clinic services.</li> <li>• Identify and share information with community members on how to find and access obstetrical services and service providers in the HAC area.</li> <li>• Support the work of attraction and retention committees in the South Zone by inviting RhPAP to present at a Council meeting on strategies, successes and challenges re: recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals in the HAC area.</li> </ul> <p><b>EMS Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Request updates from South Zone leadership at each HAC meeting on EMS response times in the HAC area.</li> </ul>
<b>Addiction &amp; Mental Health</b>	<p><b>Council has identified access to healthcare providers, emergency and combined addiction and mental health supports and services in the South Zone as a priority. Council commits to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Host an information session on addiction recovery and care services in the HAC area.</li> <li>• Request timely updates from zone leadership on new initiatives that support and provide addiction and mental health supports for youth and young adults trying to seek counselling, including post-secondary student access to stress management programs and supports.</li> <li>• Share resources gathered from presentations and zone leadership with their networks.</li> </ul>