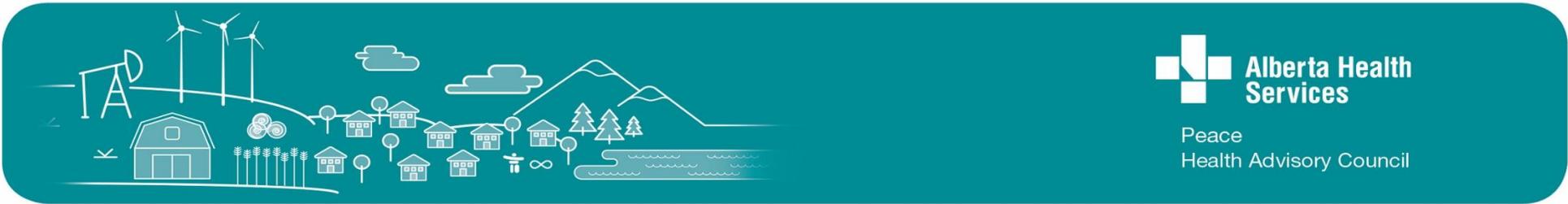


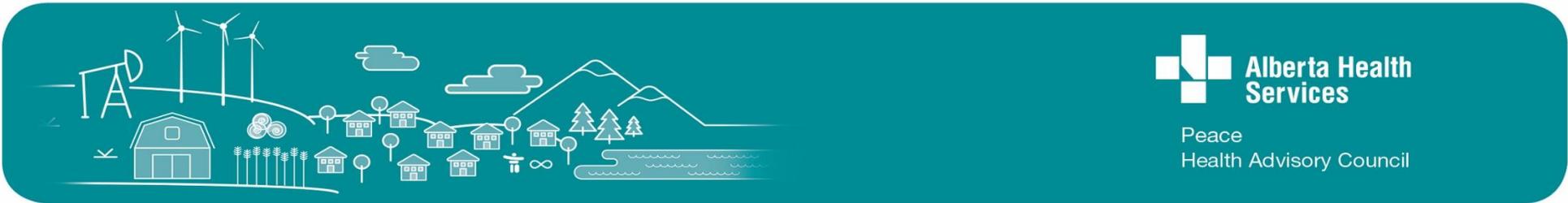
## Peace Health Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 / 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. / Hybrid (Grande Prairie Regional Hospital and Zoom)

ATTENDEES & INTRODUCTIONS	
<b>Members</b>	Barry Yaehne (Chair), Charlene Cavers (Vice Chair), Sandra Baker, Marc Boychuk, Danielle Commandeur, Alison Cormack, Carla Day, Karen Egge, Maurissa Heitland and Yvonne Rempel.
<b>AHS</b>	Stacy Greening, Candice Edey, Rosemary van Herk-Auger, Caroline Velie, Sara Blake, Rosilita Jean-Pierre, Greg Schmidt, Faiq Hussain, LauraLee Clarke, Aaryn Lynham and Susan Smith
<b>Regrets</b>	Murray Capon and Krista Schuett
<b>Public</b>	17
<b>Welcome</b>	Barry welcomed all in attendance, provided a land acknowledgement and went through introductions. Charlene shared information about Health Advisory Councils.
<b>Approval of minutes</b>	May 10, 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved by consensus.
STANDING ITEMS	
<b>Action Items</b>	Peace HAC quarterly meeting dates to be determined and posted publicly. <b>Complete.</b>
<b>Council Roundtable and Good News</b>	<b>Sandra Baker</b> shared that she attended the South Peace Attraction and Retention committee’s tour, which included 18 people. The tour took medical trainee students around to showcase local medical facilities.
<b>Voices of the Community</b>	<b>Q: What is the Peace Health Advisory Council’s role?</b>  Health Advisory Council members provide a grassroots perspective and an understanding of their communities’ health needs. They act as a conduit between their community and AHS, bringing forward valuable feedback, questions, and concerns. Members engage in the healthcare conversation in an advisory role to inform how AHS delivers health services and cares for Albertans.
<b>Alberta Health Services Zone Update</b>	<b>Candice Edey, Senior Operating Officer, Area 9, North Zone</b> , provided a written report with information about workforce recruitment, capital projects and major events and initiatives specific to the local area. She also provided highlights from the North Zone Operational Plan and performance measures and initiatives. An update on COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, was provided. Information on its impact



	<p>and measures to reduce spread are changing daily. Visit <a href="http://www.ahs.ca/covid">www.ahs.ca/covid</a> for the most up to date information. Visit <a href="#">Getting Healthy After COVID-19</a> to learn more about long-COVID.</p> <p>The new AHS toll-free <a href="#">Indigenous Support Line</a> connects Indigenous callers with Indigenous listeners from noon to 8 p.m., Monday to Friday. Call 1-844-944-4744 with questions or requests for culturally appropriate care.</p>
<p><b>Community Partners</b></p>	<p><b>Holly Handfield, Rural Community Consultant with Rural Health Professions Action Plan (RhPAP)</b>, provided information on several free virtual learning opportunities available for rural community members. Visit the <a href="#">events page</a> for more detail. The 2022 Rural Community Health Provider Attraction and Retention (A&amp;R) Conference, “Put on Your Spectacles” is October 4 – 6 in Drayton Valley. Visit <a href="http://rhpap.ca">rhpap.ca</a> for more information.</p> <p>The Rural VIP (Rural Information Panel) is a monthly feedback process using online surveys. All community champions of local health are encouraged to join. <a href="#">Sign up here</a> using the password “RURALVIP”. Email <a href="mailto:ruralvip@rhpap.ca">ruralvip@rhpap.ca</a> with questions.</p>
<p><b>Physician Recruitment Report</b></p>	<p><b>Susan Smith, Physician Resource Planner</b>, provided the following physician resource update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fox Creek, Sexsmith, Valleyview – these communities have a recruitment target of 1 additional physician.</li> <li>• Beaverlodge / Hythe – current recruitment target of 2 physicians, and 2 hopefuls</li> <li>• Fairview – 2 new physicians have started in the community, 1 in April and another in May 2022.</li> <li>• Grande Cache – 2 new physicians started September 2022. Recruitment target includes 1 additional physician.</li> <li>• Grimshaw – 1 new physician started in the community in April 2022.</li> <li>• Manning – 1 new physician started September 2022.</li> <li>• McLennan / Falher – 2 new physicians started in March 2022. Recruitment target includes 1 additional physician.</li> <li>• Spirit River – 2 new physicians have started in the community over the summer.</li> <li>• Peace River – recruitment target of 1 family medicine physician and 1 psychiatrist.</li> <li>• Grande Prairie – 1 new family medicine (geriatrics), 1 pediatrician, 1 radiologist and 1 pathologist have started since May 2022. Anesthesiology, OB/GYN and Ophthalmology each have 1 incoming to fill their targets. Emergency has 1 hopeful for 1 position. Urology has a target of 3 and Psychiatry has a target of 2 for adult and 1 for child psychiatry. One new psychiatrist started September 2022.</li> </ul> <p>In 2022, 33 new family medicine physicians have been recruited, along with 8 new specialists across the North Zone.</p>



<b>Report from the Chair</b>	<b>Barry Yaehne, Chair</b> thanked Sandra Baker for her six years of service on Council, as her term ends Sep 30, 2022. Peace HAC will be represented by Marc Boychuk at the RhPAP conference from Oct 4 – 6. Each of the 12 Health Advisory Councils is sending a delegate.
<b>Coordinator Update</b>	<b>Aaryn Lynham, Advisory Council Coordinator</b> provided an update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Council is planning a community engagement event on November 15 from 6 – 8 p.m. on Zoom called “A Conversation about Attraction &amp; Retention of Healthcare Professionals in the Peace Region”. A public invitation will be circulated.</li> <li>• Work Commitments will be revised for 2023 – 2025. Council members will each be assigned to a topic, so each topic has a lead and others to support. Next steps will be communicated to Council.</li> </ul>
<b>Presentation:</b>  <b>Peace Country Health Neighborhood</b>	<b>Presenters:</b> Robyn Laczy, Project Coordinator for North Zone Health Neighborhoods & Michelle Konowalyk, Primary Care Coordinator, AHS  <u><a href="#">Peace Country Health Neighbourhood</a></u> is a group that helps to implement the North Zone Service Plan. Membership includes AHS, Primary Care Networks (PCNs), RhPAP (Rural Health Professions Action Plan), community agencies, municipalities, and community members at large. The Peace Country group is tackling local projects, like the expansion of <u><a href="#">Drive Happiness</a></u> to the region.  Currently there are only two Health Neighborhoods in the North Zone: Peace Country and Wood Buffalo. The Health Neighborhood initiative will expand to other communities in the North Zone in future. Learn more about getting involved at <u><a href="https://grandeprairiepcn.com/nzhn/">grandeprairiepcn.com/nzhn/</a></u>
<b>Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aaryn to email Council about next steps to begin revising Council work commitments for 2023 – 2025.</li> </ul>
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<b>Date:</b> Tuesday, January 24, 2023 <b>Time:</b> 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. <b>Location:</b> Online only through Zoom. Advance registration is required. <u><a href="#">Register for the Zoom meeting.</a></u>

Our meetings are open to the public. Dates and locations are [available here](#).  
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