

MINUTES

Council Members: J. Lawrence Tymko, Chair, Brenda Chomey, James Dean, Randy Dreger, Crystal Krueger, Dr. Chad Kulak, Donald Langford, Carol Rempel (Vice-chair), Sandra Woitas

Alberta Health Services: Scott Baerg, (Covenant Health), Allison Bichel, Mike Conroy, Chris Mayhew, Arley Nelson, Mark Snaterse, Marianne Stewart

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Regrets: Winnie Bogosoff, Sarah Hassen Parker

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
Welcome and Introductions	<p>Mr. J. Lawrence Tymko, Chair, welcomed everybody and called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Ms. Gail Tricker, Site Manager, Villa Caritas and Mr. Scott Baerg were thanked earlier for council's tour of the Villa Caritas facility.</p> <p>The chair noted that resignations have been received from Ms. Dunsie Odele and Ms. Catherine Workun. Ms. Odele has accepted a role with Alberta Health Services and Ms. Workun indicated that travel and other commitments prevent her attending council meetings.</p>	
1. Approval of Agenda	<p>Moved by Mr. Donald Langford, that the agenda of Wednesday, September 12, 2012 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	

<p>Mike Conroy, Senior Vice-President, Edmonton Zone, Alberta Health Services</p>	<p>Some of the benefits of a provincial policy include: greater transparency into expected wait times, improved communication, patient choice (choosing the next available appointment with any provider over a specific provider, and more equitable access across the province. It has been determined that some patients waiting for referral to a specialist don't actually require specialist care. Work is underway to better access appropriateness and need, in some cases.</p> <p>Mr. Mike Conroy noted that this policy reflects the patient journey and focuses on referral and service waits across a broad spectrum of health services. It was noted that this work is complex and at times challenging because it involves about 5000 clinics in the province. There is a need for enhanced IT requirements and coordinating people and resources throughout the health system. The community (and Health Advisory Council) needs to be involved.</p> <p>Ms. Bichel invited questions and comments from council on her presentation and the survey tool to gather feedback.</p>	
<p>4. Old Business</p>		
<p>4.1. Committee Updates</p> <p>4.1.1. Community Affairs – Dr. Chad Kulak</p>	<p>Seniors' Health and Continuing Care Roundtables – the next roundtable session is scheduled on Wednesday September 19, 2012 at the Stony Plain Senior Citizen's Club. Ms. Woitas, Mr. Tymko and Dr. Kulak are attending. Other council members are invited.</p> <p>Dr. Kulak noted that the Beaumont Roundtable was not scheduled before Ms. Jacqueline Biollo resigned. The Leduc roundtable will be the forth and final session, after which, council will synthesize and report on the feedback received to the board and the Edmonton Zone.</p>	<p>Dr. Kulak will work with Ms. Krueger, Ms. Rempel and Arley Nelson to schedule and coordinate the next session in Leduc in October.</p>

<p>4.1.2. Communications – James Dean</p> <p>4.1.3. Program Action Planning – Carol Rempel</p> <p>4.2. MLA Meeting – Thursday September 27, 2012, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. University of Alberta Hospital</p>	<p>St. Albert Farmer’s Market – Council has not received notification of any dates available. October 6 is the last market date. Application for next year will be submitted in mid-April, 2013.</p> <p>No committee activities or updates.</p> <p>A letter will be drafted to the new board chair, Mr. Stephen Lockwood, Alberta Health Services, congratulating him on his appointment and expressing council’s willingness to work together.</p> <p>Council needs to set its upcoming meeting locations and information/presentation priorities. A tour of HealthFirst Strathcona has been arranged for the November 22, 2012 meeting.</p> <p>Grace Maier, Director, Specialized Geriatrics, Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital is available to speak on the “Home for Life” Action Committee and the new home for life construction partnership formed following the Mayor’s Roundtable on accessible housing for seniors in 2008.</p> <p>Members were asked to suggest issues and topics to discuss at the upcoming meeting with area government MLAs. The meeting will be informal and conversational. Members attending so far include: Mr. Tymko, Ms. Chomey, Mr. Dreger and Mr. Kulak. Some areas for discussion include: addiction and mental health, aboriginal health, seniors and continuing care, wellness and health promotion, primary care and feedback from community roundtables.</p>	<p>Mr. James Dean will draft a letter on behalf of council for the chair’s signature.</p> <p>Arley Nelson to invite Grace Maier and Isabel Henderson to present on the “Home for Life” Action Committee and construction partnership at council’s November 22, 2012 meeting.</p> <p>Council members to forward health issues and topics for discussion with area government MLAs to Arley Nelson by September 21, 2012.</p>
5. New Business		
<p>5.1. Edmonton Zone Update – Mike Conroy, Senior Vice-President</p>	<p>Mr. Mike Conroy provided an update on the Edmonton Zone 2030 infrastructure and health planning activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Structure and Steering Committee established • Consultant selected 	

- External & Internal stakeholder engagement plan to be developed
- Council to receive regular updates through Edmonton Coordinating Council representation and regular meetings.

Zone Integrated Planning (ZIP) strategic areas of focus include:

- Improve the Health of the Edmonton Zone Population and Positively Influence Health Services Utilization Patterns
- Enhance Effective and Efficient Access and Patient Flow Across the Continuum
- Refocus on the Fundamentals of High Quality and Safe Care Delivery
- Plan for the Future
- Explore Opportunities for Increased Efficiency

2012/2013 – 2014/2015 Zone Integrated Priorities are:

- Review of health status and capacity data
- Development of initiatives to address the most pressing health service issues by program
- Identification of ZIP initiatives that contribute to health system sustainability
- Prioritization of initiatives using AHS criteria
- Develop supporting infrastructure, human resource & information technology plans.

Health Quality Council Updates:

- Continued focus on improving patient flow and throughput and supporting patients and families through enhanced community supports.
- Implement Standardized Timely Discharge Processes & Community Supports as Needed 7 Days/Week
- Monitoring progress vs. targets.
- Ongoing refinement of data and forecasting models.
- Monitoring implementation challenges.

<p>5.6. Health Advisory Council Member Round Table Updates</p>	<p>Each Resident Council meeting produces an action / implementation process for site meals. She provided updates on upcoming tasting for new menu items.</p> <p>Several members are away for the November 22, 2012 meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that parking service rates are considerable at Edmonton AHS facilities, and that enforcement of expired meters/passes is brisk.</p>	
<p>6. Date of Next Meeting</p>	<p>Date: Thursday, November 22, 2012 Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Location: Suite 200, 80 Chippewa Rd (Office of AWOC Barristers and Solicitors), Sherwood Park, AB</p>	
<p>7. Meeting Evaluation and Adjournment</p>	<p>Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.</p>	