

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	 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. The chair noted that resignations have been received from Ms. Dunsi 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. 	
1. Approval of Agenda	Moved by Mr. Donald Langford, that the agenda of Wednesday, September 12, 2012 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.	



2.	Approval of Minutes	Moved by Ms. Brenda Chomey, that the minutes of Thursday, June 21, 2012 be approved. MOTION CARRIED.	
3.	Presentations		
	3.1. "Villa Caritas", Scott Baerg, Vice President Mental Health, Covenant Health Mark Snaterse, Executive Director, Addiction and Mental Health, Central Zone, Alberta Health Services	Villa Caritas is a 150 bed treatment facility, designated under the <i>Mental Health Act</i> (like Alberta Hospital) for seniors with complex medical and mental heath issues. Residents requiring shorter intervention services may receive treatment before being placed in appropriate care settings in the community. Others with more complex medical and mental health conditions may occupy one of 30 long-term intervention beds.	
		Mr. Scott Baerg responded to questions related to the facility and care provided. Mr. Tymko thanked Mr. Baerg and Mr. Mark Snaterse for council's tour of the facility and being able to hold its meeting on-site. Members appreciated learning about the care being provided to seniors with mental health conditions.	
	"Wait Time Measurement and Reporting of Scheduled Services Policy", Allsion Bichel, Executive Director, Provincial Access Team, Alberta Health Services	Ms. Allison Bichel noted that Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services have been working on a policy to help collect and use consistent and accurate wait time data to improve appropriate access and patient outcomes in the province. Ms. Bichel noted that wait times will exist, and for a	
		variety of factors, may be necessary. These include things such as patient delays, medical and functional delays and the need to balance service supply and demand with urgency of need.	



Mike Conroy, Senior Vice- President, Edmonton Zone, Alberta Health Services	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. 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. Ms. Bichel invited questions and comments from council on her presentation and the survey tool to gather feedback.	
4. Old Business		
4.1. Committee Updates		
4.1.1. Community Affairs – Dr. Chad Kulak	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. 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.	Dr. Kulak will work with Ms. Krueger, Ms. Rempel and Arley Nelson to schedule and coordinate the next session in Leduc in October.



4.2	 4.1.2. Communications – James Dean 4.1.3. Program Action Planning – Carol Rempel MLA Meeting – Thursday 	 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. No committee activities or updates. 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. 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. 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. Members were asked to suggest issues and topics to 	Mr. James Dean will draft a letter on behalf of council for the chair's signature. 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. Council members to forward health issues
4.2.	September 27, 2012, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. University of Alberta Hospital	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.	and topics for discussion with area government MLAs to Arley Nelson by September 21, 2012.
5. New	Business		
5.1.	Edmonton Zone Update – Mike Conroy, Senior Vice-President	 Mr. Mike Conroy provided an update on the Edmonton Zone 2030 infrastructure and health planning activities: 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
Care Delivery Plan for the Future
 Explore Opportunities for Increased Efficiency
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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.



		Develop plans for sustaining improvements.	
		 Future focus on: Improving patient flow and throughput including providing enhanced support in the community Aligns with previous plans and work underway: 2012/2013 Zone Integrated Plan Edmonton Zone 2030 Plan Care Transformation Patient Flow Provincial Mental Health Strategy 	
		Mr. Conroy took comments and answered questions.	
5.2.	Edmonton Zone Relationship Result and Areas for Improvement	 Mr. Conroy reviewed results of the Health Advisory Council member survey completed earlier this year. He discussed approaches to further improve engagement: Enhance understanding of the role councils have in Zone planning & functioning Zone leaders consider council feedback on health care issues Enhance opportunities for the council to make contributions to the health service delivery in the Zone Overall, council expressed a high level of satisfaction with the interaction it has with the Edmonton Zone and it's leaders 	
5.3.	Chair's Report	 Mr. Tymko attended and provided updates on the Edmonton Zone Coordinating Council meetings on August 20 and September 17, 2012 Edmonton Zone Senior Leadership Team – Care Transformation Subcommittee Meeting – August 28, 2012. J. Mr. Tymko attended the first meeting and will represent council at future meetings. 	



	 Strategic Clinic Networks (SCNs), Seniors' Health Meeting –September 18, 2012. Mr. Tymko and Arley Nelson are meeting with Lynne Mansell, Vice President and Dr. Duncan Robertson (dyad partner) Seniors Health, SCN, as well as Carol Anderson, Executive Director, Continuing Care (Edmonton Zone) to learn more about the work under consideration provincially. Edmonton Seniors Community Health Council Meeting, September 17, 2012. Mr. Tymko and Arley Nelson have been invited to hear about health issues being explored by the council. 	
5.4. Advisory Council Officer Report	 Written copy circulated for information. Highlights included: Information on a new public information campaign to promote Health Advisory Councils starting on October 1, 2012. Interviews are being scheduled for Health Advisory Council applicants. Copies of 2011/12 Annual Report circulated. 	Members suggested circulating copies of the annual report to health centres, libraries (especially rural ones) and PDF to other health professions.
5.4.1. Provincial Health Advisory Council Meeting – October 12, 13, 2012	Ms. Crystal Krueger and Mr. Arley Nelson provided updates on planning for the provincial conference, in Edmonton. Friday evening member appreciation and councils will display "story-boards," highlighting some of their work and accomplishments. There is a full day planned on October 13, starting at 7:30 a.m.	
5.5. Nutrition and Food Services – Resident Council Meetings	 Mr. Tymko and Ms. Winnie Bogosoff attended the Stony Plain Continuing Care Resident Council Meeting. The session was very interactive and they offered feedback on ways to improve the consultation process. Ms. Crystal Krueger represents council on the provincial Health Advisory Council Nutrition and Food Services committee. 	



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

