

MINUTES

Council Attendees: Michael Ouellette (Vice Chair), Judy Brown, Donna Buchinski, Evelyn Bzowy, Tom Burton, Patsy Campbell, Darlene Frith, Leona Hanson, Fjola Joelson, Michelle Margarit, Terry Tissington, Cheryl Van Eerden

Regrets: Theresa Sandul (Chair), James McGregor

Alberta Health Services Attendees: Brad Cardinal, Donna Koch, John Lehnert Alberta Health Services Board Member

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Light Dinner and Refreshments		
2. Approval of Agenda	Moved by Donna Buchinski, seconded by Terry Tissington to adopt the Agenda of Thursday, September 23, 2010. MOTION CARRIED.	
3. Approval of Minutes	Moved by Leona Hanson, seconded by Judy Brown to adopt the Minutes of Thursday, June 10, 2010 with changes. MOTION CARRIED.	Correction to next meeting dates: Thursday, November 4, 2010 - Provincial Building, Grande Prairie, Alberta Thursday, January 20, 2011 - Spirit River, Alberta Thursday, March 10, 2011 - Valleyview, Alberta
4. Old Business		
4.1 Round Table Discussion	Discussion occurred regarding the following items: 1. Physician recruitment, staffing and overall retention remain an issue for communities in the council area.	All discussion items to be forwarded to appropriate Alberta Health Services lead for information and/or response. B. Cardinal to send request to Shelly Pusch, Vice President, North Zone, for representation from Alberta Health Services - Physician Recruitment Department at the Thursday, November 4, 2010 meeting in Grande Prairie.

	<p>2. Tom Burton expressed concern regarding lack of assisted living supports for seniors and suggested partnership with Alberta Health Services. Council agreed that seniors health continues to be a concern in the area.</p> <p>3. Leona Hansen, provided an update on a recent meeting with Shelly Pusch, Vice President North Zone and Joan Libsekal, Acting Vice President, Queen Elizabeth Hospital regarding the new facility for the Grande Prairie area. Council will disseminate information to the public as it becomes available.</p> <p>4. Michael Ouellette, provided information on the Grande Prairie Chamber of Commerce Health Committee.</p> <p>5. John Lehnert, Alberta Health Services Board member, thanked the council members for their valuable contribution and continued commitment to Alberta Health Services.</p>	<p>Donna Koch to initiate contact with this group and provide invitation to present at a future council meeting.</p>
5. New Business		
<p>5.1 Annual Work Plan</p>	<p>Moved by Terry Tissington, seconded by Michelle Margarit to accept the Annual Work Plan as presented. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	<p>B. Cardinal to submit final version of the Annual Work Plan to Alberta Health Services.</p>
<p>5.2 Community and Rural Health Planning Presentation - Doug Norton, Director, Decision Support and Evaluation, Alberta Health Services</p>	<p>Council members provided with information on Alberta Health Services Community and Rural Health Planning process. Questions answered throughout the presentation. Members encouraged to provide additional input via e-mail.</p>	<p>Members to provide further input and feedback via e-mail to: ruralhealthplanning@albertahealthservices.ca</p>
<p>5.3 Seniors Health Presentation - Wendy Harrison, Executive Director, Seniors Health, Alberta Health Services - North Zone</p>	<p>Council members provided with information on current seniors health programs for the area. Questions answered throughout the presentation. Members encouraged to provide additional input via e-mail.</p>	<p>Members to provide additional comments to Wendy Harrison at: wendy.harrison2@albertahealthservices.ca</p>

5. New Business		
<p>5.4 North Zone Updates - Donna Koch, Executive Director, Alberta Health Services - North Zone</p> <p>5.5 Public Question/Response Period</p> <p>Deferred Items, November 4, 2010: Handbook</p> <p>Primary Care Forum Update - Michelle Margarit</p>	<p>Update provided regarding the flu immunization availability in the council area.</p> <p>Question posed regarding: Current bed utilization at McKenzie Place in Grande Prairie. Wendy Harrison, Executive Director, Seniors Health , Alberta Health Services, responded that bed utilization in Grande Prairie will not diminish.</p> <p>Concern voiced regarding diminished EMS service for the council area.</p> <p>Council will complete a review of the current Handbook and forward suggested changes to Brad Cardinal.</p> <p>To be added to the Thursday, November 4, 2010 Agenda.</p>	<p>B. Cardinal to request Emergency Medical Services to provide update at a future council meeting.</p> <p>B. Cardinal to collate suggested Handbook revisions and forward to Alberta Health Services.</p>
6. Date of Next Meeting	<p>Date: Thursday, November 4, 2010</p> <p>Time: 5:00 – 8:00 pm</p> <p>Location: Provincial Building, Grande Prairie, Alberta</p>	
7. Adjournment	<p>Evaluation forms completed. Moved by Tom Burton, seconded by Fjola Joelson that the meeting be adjourned at 8:00 pm. MOTION CARRIED.</p>	