

Help build a better health system. Join the Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council!

- Are you passionate about healthcare and service delivery?
- Do you enjoy engaging your friends, neighbours and community in discussion?
- Do you have interest in improving health and wellness in your community?

We are recruiting volunteer members to the Yellowhead East Health Advisory Council, which includes those areas as seen on the map. Visit ahs.ca/advisorycouncils to learn more.



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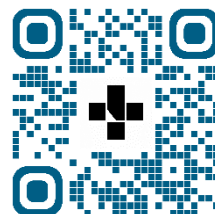
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Yellowhead East
Health Advisory Council



Advisory Council Fast Facts

Background and Types of Councils

Council members volunteer their time to provide feedback based on lived experience or community input, listen to the people in their communities, and commit to giving feedback and advice to AHS on healthcare services and programs and community priorities.

Members represent a variety of backgrounds, cultures, and age groups and bring diverse perspectives to healthcare discussions. Councils work to build relationships and open lines of communication between the public and AHS.

Health Advisory Councils (HACs)

There are 12 HACs in Alberta, made up of people that live within certain geographic areas.

Provincial Advisory Councils (PACs)

There are four PACs in Alberta that focus on different areas of health:

- Cancer
- Addiction and Mental Health (A&MH)
- Seniors and Continuing Care (SCC)
- Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity & Expression (SOGIE)

PACs are made up of public members who represent all AHS zones, healthcare professionals, and stakeholders in their area of focus.

Wisdom Council

The Wisdom Council is a provincial council that focuses on Indigenous health priorities, services, and resources. This council is made up of public members from across treaty areas and Alberta's health zones.

Advisory Council Members:

- Are volunteers who represent their community.
- Share information on health services with the community and provide feedback and input to AHS.
- Are members of the public who may be community leaders or those with a health profession background.
- Are asked to identify any real or perceived conflicts of interest through a Conflict-of-Interest declaration form. This process helps to ensure any personal or financial interests do not interfere or influence the advice provided.
- Are appointed by AHS' Board of Directors.



Council Member Roles:

- Share their communities’ priorities with AHS.
- Provide advice and help to inform the decision-making process.
- Participate in all public and other Advisory Council meetings.
- Promote and participate in activities, including activities outside of regularly scheduled meetings, that enhance Albertans’ health.
- Engage with the community by co-hosting events with AHS or participating in a variety of engagement activities, such as focus groups, Community Conversations and information sessions to understand all aspects of community perspectives and support the Council.
- Provide feedback on public education materials, policies, or discussion topics.
- Communicate regularly through e-mail, phone, or online.
- Follow-up on commitments made to your community on behalf of the Council.
- Share public information with your community.
- Act as a partner to AHS and have an open, constructive relationship that contributes to shared goals.

The Scope of Advisory Councils:

What is the scope of your role?	What is out of scope of your role?
Share community priorities with AHS.	Voice opinions on behalf of a community without consulting with them first.
Provide advice to AHS and help to inform decision making.	Give medical advice.
Engage with the community to understand all aspects of community perspectives and support the Council commitments.	Sharing patient information or personal concerns on specific cases that could disclose personal health information.
Provide feedback to AHS on public education materials, policies, or discussion topics.	Position issues or personal opinions in individual cases as system-wide feedback.
Share public information with your community.	Use Council events and activities to promote personal issues or interests.
Follow up on commitments made to your community on behalf of Council.	Promise specific changes or outcomes to your community.

*This is a snapshot of Advisory Councils in Alberta. For more information, please visit us [here](#).



Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the recruitment drive?

Recruitment for Advisory Councils runs year-round until vacancies are filled. An interview and screening process will occur and once selected, new member appointments are forwarded to the AHS Board for approval.

What criteria are used in the selection process of new members?

We strive to appoint Council members who reflect the rich diversity of Alberta's population. In addition, members must:

- be 18 and over
- demonstrate an interest in healthcare in Alberta
- be well connected to your community to ensure diversity of perspectives
- reside in the Council area for which you are applying
- undergo a criminal record check and complete a conflict of interest
- commit to meeting four times per year at locations throughout your Zone
- Provincial Advisory Council (PAC) members are required to have lived experience

How do I become a Health Advisory Council member?

Complete an [Expression of Interest](#) form and return it to community.engagement@ahs.ca. More information can be found on our [website](#), or toll-free at 1.877.275.8830.

How long would I serve on a Council?

Each term on a Health Advisory Council (HAC) is three years. Terms on PACs are either two or three years; all to a maximum of six years.

What is the time commitment to sit on Council?

HACs hold a minimum of two public meetings and 1-2 engagement events in a year. PACs hold four public meetings in a year. These occur between September-June at Council's scheduling, and occur virtually or at locations in the Council's geographic area.

When opportunity presents itself, many members choose to sit on other committees related to health services, and bring that information back to their respective Council. Engagement opportunities arise throughout the year, and each Council determines what is most suitable, based on their goals and objectives.

What are the responsibilities of a member?

- Act in an advisory capacity to Alberta Health Services (AHS), by providing feedback on specific issues and initiatives
- Gather information from your community and provide that local perspective to AHS on the province-wide healthcare system
- Promote and participate in engagement activities that contribute to healthcare services in Alberta
- Attendance at Council meetings and 1-2 engagement events
- Participate in discussion with AHS leadership about what is working well in health services and where there are areas for improvement

Do members get paid to be part of Council?

These are voluntary positions. That said, when out-of-pocket expenses are incurred as the result of Council activity, members will be reimbursed as per current Government of Alberta rates.