

## RE: Provincial PCN Committee Key Messages February 12, 2025 Meeting

On behalf of the Provincial MAPS Advisory Committee (formerly PPCNC) we are pleased to provide you with highlights from the meeting held on February 12, 2025.

### General Alberta Health updates:

#### MAPS Summit (January 23-24, 2024):

The Minister of Health, Adriana LaGrange and CEO Primary Care Alberta (PCA), Kim Simmonds were guest speakers at the event.

There were two breakout sessions: (1) to reflect on engagements and PCA stand up and (2) collect input on the MAPS 3-5-year plan.

#### MAPS ADM Townhall (December 11, 2024):

Third quarter MAPS updates; PCA updates; findings from the physician survey; and preliminary findings from Round 1 of the regional networks design workshops.

Round 2 transition to regional networks engagement sessions with PCNs and zones is underway.

Next townhall is scheduled for March 19, 2025.

#### MAPS Newsletter

The MAPS quarterly newsletter was released January 23, 2025.

The next edition is scheduled for end of March/beginning of April, 2025.

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#### Primary Care Innovation Fund (PCIF) program Update:

Alberta Health held a call for proposals in November 2024.

28 applications were submitted and decisions will be shared in early 2025.

#### PCA Update:

On February 1, 2025, PCA became officially operational. On the same day, Alberta Health Services (AHS) transferred its role as a joint venture partner in the PCN, currently shared with Physician Non-Profit Corporations, to PCA.

PCA is recruiting for the Chief Medical Officer.

PCA is expecting their mandate letter from the government of Alberta to determine next steps including direction and strategic planning.

PCA is continuing to engage with other Provincial Health Agencies.

### Zone PCN updates:

Members discussed challenges faced within their respective Zone PCNs.

Members were encouraged to continue to engage.

### PMAC Sub-committees Updates:

Sub-committee co-chairs provided an update on work underway in their respective sub-committees.

### Digitally Enabling Primary Health Care. Work Underway and Next Steps:

#### Electronic Referral Solution:

**Phase 2b** – Referral submissions from Connect Care and Community EMRs, and additional reporting:

Basic referral submissions from Connect Care – June 2025.

Basic referral submissions from first community clinic – August 2025.

#### Enhancing Alberta Netcare with Connect Care Provider Portal:

Initial wave of clinicians are gaining access to CCPP with additional waves being added subsequently.

Lab Electronic Ordering:

Targeting first EMR vendor live in Q4 2025/26.

Electronic Medical Record Certification Program:

Phase 2a (January to May 2025) acquisition of project resources, website design, governance structure – detailing, RFP Launch for EMR certification program office, and stakeholder communications.

Regional Health Corridors:

Presentation on the Regional Health Corridors roles in the primary health care system.

Health corridors consider data related to overall travel patterns to access services and facilities, the new boundaries ensure Albertans will be able to access the services they need when and where they need them.

Alberta Health and the Provincial Health Agencies will use the corridors for health system planning.

Health corridors will not create barriers to access or service delivery.

Accountability Framework:

An overview of the framework was presented.

Accountability will be implemented through three dimensions (or levers): Legal, Financial and Performance.

A draft template for the Accountability Framework will include two parts: (1) Introduction, Mandate and Authority, Background and Principles, System Level Outcomes and Legislative Requirements and (2) Accountability Mapping and Key Definitions, Acronyms, and Appendices.

Preliminary feedback received includes clear and consistent key performance indicators, reporting and bidirectional accountability.

The Accountability Framework is grounded in 5 principles (Accountability, Communication, Integration, Collaboration and Adaptability).

As promised, kindly find attached the refreshed Health Workforce Strategy 2024.

The next PMAC (formerly PPCNC) meeting is currently scheduled for April 9, 2025.

If you have any questions or comments, contact the PPCNC secretariat via email at [PPCNCSecretariat@gov.ab.ca](mailto:PPCNCSecretariat@gov.ab.ca).

Thank you,

Provincial PCN Committee Secretariat

