

PRHA HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCILS

HOW THIS AFFECTS YOU

Health Advisory Councils function as a key component of the Parkland Regional Health Authority's (PRHA) public consultation process. They are one important mechanism used by the Region for ongoing community input. Advisory Councils assist the PRHA in its planning and decision-making processes regarding population health, health needs and priorities, and health services of the Region.

A NEW APPROACH

The PRHA Board has redeveloped its model for Advisory Councils. Under the new model, **one Advisory Council** will encompass the **entire Region**, and **one** will have a dedicated '**Mental Health**' focus. Councils will advise the Board on key strategic priorities and relevant community issues, thereby assisting in improving the health status of the population.

GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Health Advisory Council members will be expected to commit to a **constructive** and **collaborative approach** to providing community input in support of policy and planning. Members are expected to be knowledgeable about their community and aware of community-based health issues

MEMBERSHIP

Each Health Advisory Council will have up to **15 members**. When making appointments, the PRHA Board will, to the greatest extent possible, ensure membership is **representative of the diversity** of our large geographic area. The membership base will also reflect a variety of sectors, health partners and health stakeholders.

WHAT ABOUT...

The number of meetings I would have to attend? A total of five a year. Meetings are held quarterly and there will be one annual workshop held with the Board in the fall.

Am I compensated? Volunteer Advisory Council members do not receive any direct financial contribution for attending and participating in meetings. However, the PRHA will reimburse reasonable out of pocket expenses which includes travel.

Can I nominate myself? Yes, individuals can nominate themselves. Nominations will also be accepted through the many health partners and stakeholders within the Region. The PRHA will contact all applicants upon receiving their nomination.

How long do I have to serve on the Council? Each appointment is for a three-year term. Terms end March 1st.

If I have additional questions, what can I do? A complete listing of responsibilities and the terms of reference regarding Advisory Councils can be found on the PRHA website at www.prha.mb.ca. You can also contact the PRHA by phone at **638-2118** or **1-800-259-7541**.