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PRHA prepares for comprehensive health review

Dauphin- The Parkland Regional Health Authority (PRHA) is proceeding with its third Community Health Assessment, a process that plays a pivotal role in the coordination, delivery and planning of health programs and services within the Region.

Community Health Assessment Coordinator Trish Sherrer says a very important part of the review is the community consultation process. She adds, within the next few months, the PRHA will be holding public meetings in nine communities to present the Region's current health status as well as gather community input regarding the results.

"The Community Health Assessment allows the PRHA to review, with its residents, health data for a variety of purposes including the development of the Region's Strategic Health Plan," Sherrer said.

For more information, contact the office of the **PARKLAND REGIONAL HEALTH AUTHORITY**

"Presenting the Region's 'health story' and receiving feedback at public consultations is vital to the success of this process. By participating, residents can directly contribute to the betterment of health and wellness efforts within our diverse Region."

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There are also plans for focus groups and other targeted consultation efforts to ensure that a broad range of input is included in the PRHA's final report to Manitoba Health in September 2009. A condensed version of the detailed final report will also be made available throughout the Region before the end of the year.

(Listing of community public meeting schedule attached)



Community Health Assessment Public Meeting Schedule February/March 2009

San Clara-	Thursday, February 19th San Clara Recreation Centre 7:00 p.m.
Minitonas-	Monday, February 23rd Minitonas Town Hall 7:00 p.m.
Winnipegosis-	Tuesday, February 24th Residential Services Room 7:00 p.m.
Bowsman-	Thursday, February 26th Bowsman Legion Hall 7:00 p.m.
Roblin-	Wednesday, March 4th Roblin Drop-In Centre 7:00 p.m.
Ste. Rose	Thursday, March 12th Ste. Rose Curling Rink 7:00 p.m.
Gilbert Plains-	Monday, March 16th United Church Hall 7:00 p.m.
Ethelbert-	Tuesday, March 17th Ethelbert Seniors Centre 7:00 p.m.
Benito-	Monday, March 23rd Benito Legion Hall 7:00 p.m.