

**Grimshaw Regional Health Care Attraction and Retention
Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 12, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Attendees:

M.D. of Peace 135

Theresa Johnson, Councillor

Town of Grimshaw

Stacey Messner, Councillor, Chairperson GRHARC

Wendy Wald, Mayor

Brian Allen, CAO

Village of Berwyn

Nicole Johnson, Councillor – Via Zoom

County of Northern Lights

Brenda Yasinski, Councillor - Via Zoom

Alberta Health Services

Susan Smith, North Zone Physician Planner - Via Zoom

RhPAP Consultant

Holly Handfield - Via Zoom

Members at Large

Charlene Cavers

Tara Elliott

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- 1. Call to order:** Stacey Messner called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

- 2. Additions/changes and approval of agenda:** Theresa Johnson moved to adopt the agenda as presented.

- 3. Review Meeting Minutes:** Wendy Wald moved to adopt the meeting minutes from March 13, 2023.

- 4. Old Business**
 - Nurses Appreciation Breakfast – May 8th: Stacey reported that there was a good group of volunteers there to help set up and serve breakfast. It was a well attended event with all the E.R. Nurses present along with some Public Health Nurses. Unfortunately, there was no representation from Stonebrook. It was suggested that perhaps next year a different format be used with breakfast being delivered to the health facilities or an outside event held. By all accounts it was a great event that was appreciated by the Nurses and offered an opportunity to discuss local healthcare issues in a different setting.
 - Grimshaw Business Expo – May 12th: The GRHARC partnered with the Town of Grimshaw in a booth. It was a good opportunity to show our presence as a committee to the community and have conversations with people.

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- RhPAP High School Skills Day – June 1st: 32 students attended and filled out evaluation forms. Those in attendance recounted that it was a positive, interactive event. There were a lot of good questions from the students and good feedback from the instructors. There was a lot of interest expressed by the students for another event next year. Committee members feel that the next event should be held in 2025 and would be better hosted at the Health Center.

5. New Business

- RhPAP Team Rhapsody Award Recipient – Grimshaw E.R. Team: The E. R. Nurses did not know they were nominated and were very excited when they found out. Stacey and Tara will be meeting with the RhPAP planning team to discuss an awards event to recognize the E.R. Team. The E.R. Team will be interviewed for a video that will be posted on the RhPAP website. Committee members discussed the need to host a “fancy” event to honor the award winners – the event planning will be discussed further following the meeting with RhPAP.
- Community Orientation Plan: work on the plan will proceed this fall. The committee consists of Stacey Messner, Charlene Cavers, Wendy Wald, and Theresa Johnson.

6. RhPAP Update: Rural information and learning sessions will be returning in the fall, past session can be viewed on the RhPAP website. Holly spoke of the 2023 Rhapsody Award winners including our local E.R. Team. A call for proposals to host the 2024 RhPAP Conference has opened to interested communities. Applications for the Bursary for Internationally Educated Nurses (BIEN) have closed due to heavy demand, submissions will be reviewed in the order they were received.

7. AHS Physician Planning Update: Fairview is losing 2 physicians which will likely have an impact on our facility. Susan reported to the committee

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regarding the various positions currently being recruited in Grande Prairie across numerous specialties. Of 28 positions currently listed as recruitment targets, 12 are incoming and another 9 are listed as hopeful but yet to sign a contract.

8. Round Table

- Charlene: Participated in the High School skills event and really enjoyed interacting with the students. Anyone interested in Peace HAC can request access to their next meeting June 14 5:30-7p.m.
- Wendy: Thanks to all for the hard work put into the various initiatives.
- Theresa: Thumbs Up!! Happy with how this committee is operating.
- Susan: residency seats in Grande Prairie are all filled – may be an opportunity to showcase our community to them this fall.
- Stacey: Has learned so much on what makes healthcare “tick” in our community, that she has been able to bring back to this committee. This knowledge can be applied to the Community Orientation Plan. She is very happy with the successes we have had this year, which makes these initiatives easier to repeat in the future.

9. Next Meeting: September 11, 2023

10.Meeting Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.