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Dear Sir/Madam,

Alberta Health Services' (AHS) Health Advisory Councils (HACs) play a vital role in improving the health and well-being of your community and its members.

The HACs are comprised of more than 170 volunteers over 12 Councils across the province. If you've had an opportunity to connect with the Councils, you will have experienced their passion and commitment to improving health services in their communities. If you have not yet connected with your Council, we invite you to learn more about what they do.

By engaging the people of their communities in a respectful, transparent and accountable manner, HACs bring feedback to AHS about what is working well within the health care system and identify areas where improvement can be made; they support the strategic direction of AHS by bringing local perspectives to a provincewide health system.

Public participation is essential to improving the quality and accountability of health services. Working in partnership with AHS is an important way to ensure that services are more responsive to the needs of those who use them.

HAC members reflect the diversity of the communities they serve across Alberta, both urban and rural, and we encourage you to find out which Council represents your area.

To learn more about how you can work with your local HAC to improve the health services in your community, or to arrange a meeting between yourself and the Council or its Chair, visit our website <http://www.albertahealthservices.ca/hac.asp> or call us at 1-877-275-8830.

Sincerely,

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