

# MAPS MOMENTUM

Quarterly Newsletter

## Hello Again...

The Modernizing Alberta’s Primary Health Care System (MAPS) team is excited to share the latest insights and updates on the MAPS 2-Year Implementation Plan.

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## MAPS Public Dashboard Launch



The MAPS public dashboard shows progress made on the 30 action items under the seven key focus areas highlighted in the MAPS 2-Year Implementation Plan. The MAPS team is committed to transparency as we work with our partners to ensure all Albertans have access to primary health care when and where they need it. Please visit: [Modernizing primary health care – Progress on 2-year plan | Alberta.ca](https://modernizingprimaryhealthcare.alberta.ca) to view the dashboard.

## From PPCNC to PMAC

The Provincial Primary Care Network Committee (PPCNC) will now be called the Provincial MAPS Advisory Committee (PMAC) to reflect the focus on the MAPS initiative. Work is underway to update the Ministerial Order to formally change the mandate and name of the committee. Additional changes include revising the scope, creating sub-committees and expanding membership to enhance the diversity of views needed to advise on MAPS implementation.

The following three sub-committees were set up under PMAC (formerly PPCNC) to support implementation:

### Communication and Change Management

Advises on communication and change management activities to support implementation of the MAPS initiative. First meeting was on May 28, 2024.

### Structure/ Governance Design and Implementation

Advises on the overall design and implementation of the Primary Care Agency and Regional Networks. First meeting was on June 14, 2024.

### Evaluation and Performance Measurement

Advises on the development of the MAPS Evaluation and Performance Measurement Framework and Primary Health Care Quality and Outcomes Framework. First meeting was on June 17, 2024.



## Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program

Alberta Health is pleased to announce that the Nurse Practitioner (NP) Primary Care Program was launched in April 2024. This will add much needed capacity to the primary health care system and give Albertans more options to access the care they need.

For more information about the program including details on submitting expressions of interest, please visit the [Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Program page](#).



## Transition of Primary Care Networks to Regional Networks

Work is underway to inform the plan for transitioning Primary Care Networks (PCNs) to Regional Networks. Alberta Health thanks all PCNs who attended, as well as those who will be attending the first round of phase one engagement sessions that are continuing over the next couple of weeks. Zone PCN co-chairs will be engaged after each round of phase one engagement sessions.

To inform primary care stakeholders of progress made, the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) of Primary Care will host a townhall on July 31, 2024, following the first round of phase one PCN engagement sessions. The townhall will be used to provide an overview of 'what we have heard' during the sessions and answer questions about next steps of the project.



## Primary Care Provincial Health Agency Stand Up

Alberta Health is moving forward with establishing the new Primary Care Provincial Health Agency (PC-PHA) in Fall 2024. To this end, Bill 22, [the Health Statutes Amendment Act, 2024](#), (HSAA) was passed on May 29, 2024, which includes amendments to the *Regional Health Authorities Act* (RHAA), the *Health Information Act*, and consequential amendments to other acts to ensure alignment with the amended RHAA.

This means amended legislation now enables the creation of four new PHAs within a unified health care system including Mental Health and Addiction PHA in Summer 2024 and the Primary Care, Acute Care and Continuing Care PHAs in Fall 2024.

The objectives of PC-PHA include providing provincial oversight and supporting coordination of care, attaching every Albertan to a primary care provider, promoting accountability for services provided, and improving primary health care in underserved and remote communities.



## In Case You Missed It

An ADM townhall on May 15, 2024, provided updates to primary health care stakeholders on the MAPS initiative and introduced plans to engage with PCNs on the transition to Regional Networks. The Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) document that was shared afterward outlined the most common questions and answers regarding the MAPS 2-Year Implementation Plan. Please look for the document in your inbox. You can also email MAPS team to request a copy of the FAQ document.



## MAPS Newsletter - Fall Edition

Watch for the Fall edition of the newsletter in September 2024 for more updates.



## Upcoming Events

This summer, here's a line-up of events you can expect:

**June/July and Aug/Sept 2024:** Engagement sessions with PCNs and Zone PCN Co-chairs to inform plans to transition from PCNs to Regional Networks.

**July 31, 2024:** In addition to our quarterly ADM townhall, a dedicated ADM townhall to share what 'we have heard' from the first round of PCN transition engagement sessions and provide opportunities to answer any questions that have come up in the process.



## Keep in Touch

To catch up on MAPS progress between newsletters, please check out the [MAPS website](#). It will be updated regularly and will offer a snapshot of progress over time.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns for the MAPS team, please reach out to the team by emailing [Health.MAPS@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Health.MAPS@gov.ab.ca).

