

OPIOID CRISIS RESPONSE TASK FORCE CHARTER

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Alberta Health, together with AHS, Zones, PCNs, AMA, ACFP and other stakeholders, is working on short term, moderate term and long-term solutions to the current opioid crisis. Primary Health Care has been identified as a source of support and solution for the volume of Opioid Dependent (OD) patients that are stable and want to transition to care in the community.

The ACFP Opioid Crisis Response Task Force is a special task force formed by the Alberta College of Family Physicians.

PURPOSE:

- The Alberta College of Family Physicians (ACFP) has the opportunity and capacity to provide leadership, advocacy, education and partnership to support and implement solutions.
- The ACFP has a strong working relationship with partners in the health care system and has been asked to contribute to the solution finding and implementation process.
- The purpose of the Task Force will be to discuss issues and recommendations related to the opioid crisis and how it affects or can be influenced by primary care, and to inform the participation, input, and response of the ACFP and other partners representing primary care in system level work.

SCOPE

In Scope

- A venue to discuss and gain understanding the opioid crisis from the perspective of family physicians in a frontline primary care, community setting.
- To clarify the position and key messages of family physicians with regard to the opioid crisis and response.
- To make recommendations and advise representatives that are working with the Federal Government, Alberta Government, Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services on a broad system wide response to the opioid crisis.
- To advise on the ACFP approach to leadership, advocacy, communication, education and partnership initiatives in response to the crisis.

Out of Scope

- To negotiate funding or legislative changes for family physicians caring for those with opioid dependency
- To be accountable or responsible for the implementation of the final recommendations for opioid crisis response in primary care.

TYPE OF COMMITTEE

The ACFP Opioid Crisis Response Task Force is an advisor to the ACFP Board and leadership.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The ACFP Opioid Crisis Response Task Force will report to the ACFP Board.

MEMBERSHIP

The ACFP Opioid Crisis Response Task Force will seek to have a broad member representation including community family physicians, academic family physicians and family physicians with leadership roles within Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services. All members are required to be members in good standing with the ACFP.

The Chair shall be the President or designate of the ACFP Board.

DURATION OF TASK FORCE

Task Force members will be asked to serve a minimum of one-year term and if the Task Force and/or Board of Directors deems it necessary to remain active, a second term will be recommended, and members will be asked to serve a second one-year term.

SUPPORT STAFF

The ACFP Executive Director shall be the responsible senior staff director and shall be supported by the ACFP staff team.

MEETINGS

Meetings will be called by the Chair. It is expected that the Task Force will meet monthly by teleconference or web-based meeting and have ongoing communication via email between meetings. The Task Force may wish to meet face-to-face from time to time.