

## **News Release**

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## Prairie Mountain Health releases new five-year Strategic Plan

Prairie Mountain Health (PMH) has developed a new five-year Strategic Plan. The 2016-2021 Strategic Plan outlines a 'high-level vision' that will help guide the organization going forward. The Strategic 'roadmap' identifies the health region's six priorities that are aimed at building a healthier population and creating a quality, integrated and sustainable health system.

PMH Board Chair Marg MacDonald says the Strategic Plan, which officially takes effect on April 1, 2016, is an accumulation of many months of consultations, statistical analysis and input both internally and externally.

"We are essentially building upon our community engagement processes that assisted with the recent completion of our comprehensive 2015 Community Health Assessment," MacDonald added. "I thank all staff, managers, physicians as well as our Local Health Involvement Groups for their input and feedback into this very important health planning document."

PMH Chief Executive Officer Penny Gilson says the PMH Board is responsible for establishing and approving the Strategic Plan.

"Guided by objectives set forth by Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors, the operational strategies and goals listed within the Strategic Plan were developed following extensive discussion with PMH program and services' teams about their long term goals and priorities. The priorities within the plan remain constant over a five-year period and the associated indicators and performance measures will be monitored regularly by our Regional Leadership Team and the Board of Directors of Prairie Mountain Health," Gilson stated.

The six priorities listed within the Strategic Plan are:

- Improved service delivery;
- Improved access to care;
- Capacity building;
- Health system innovation;
- Health system sustainability; and
- Improving health status and reducing disparities.

The Plan also identifies specific goals and several operational strategies that are aligned with each strategic priority. Operational strategies will be implemented as resources allow and annual status reports will be produced to describe the health region's progress regarding each strategic priority.

The complete PMH 2016-2021 Strategic Health Plan can be found by visiting our website at <a href="https://www.prairiemountainhealth.ca">www.prairiemountainhealth.ca</a>

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