

Rural VIP Foundational Survey

Initial Results

The first survey for the members of the Rural Voice Information Panel (Rural VIP) was sent out Monday May 6, 2019 to 44 members of various attraction and retention committees throughout Alberta. When the survey closed on Friday May 17, a total of 28 panel members had completed the three question survey. This document provides a summary of the themes provided by respondents.

Question 1

Albertans have just elected a new provincial government. At this time of change for Alberta, what would you like to say to the new government about health and health care in your community?

- 11 comments Staffing (physician and other healthcare professionals)
- 11 Services (general provision and specialized – mental health, rehabilitation therapies, etc.)
- 6 Access to health care (equal across province, age in place, rural importance)
- 5 Infrastructure (hospitals, diagnostic equipment)
- 15 Other comments (Health care cuts/funding, seniors care, improvements, technology, attraction & retention)

Question 2

If you had 5 minutes with the new provincial Minister of Health (Tyler Shandro), what three messages would you convey?

- 15 comments Staffing and support (Family doctors, nurses, specialists, other healthcare professionals)
- 14 Services (General provision, diagnostics, specialized)
- 11 Rural sustainability/Equal access to care/Age in place
- 10 AHS organization/process
- 8 Hospitals (use, upgrades)
- 7 Wait times
- 7 Ambulance/transfers/travel to appointments
- 7 Health care system/cuts/funding
- 7 Specific care (seniors, mental health, physiotherapy)
- 10 Other comments (technology use, communication, consultations, attraction and retention)

Question 3

In which AHS (Alberta Health Services) zone do you live?

North	Edmonton	Central	Calgary	South
14	1	10	1	2