



## RURAL HEALTH PROFESSIONS ACTION PLAN 2018/19 HIGHLIGHTS

### Rural Community Development & Engagement

- 48 active rural Attraction and Retention (A&R) committees representing 146 hamlets, villages, towns, and municipalities across rural Alberta.
- Supported over 150 A&R committee meetings.
- Attended three Stollery Awasisak Indigenous Health Talking Circles.
- Five A&R committee grants were distributed.
- Updated the Rural Community A&R Toolkit, a guide with 150 pages of hands-on, practical information.
- Developed a rural community building webinar series.

### Rural Education Outreach & Skills Days

- 13 Skills Events held for high school students (six days) and post-secondary students (seven weekends).

### Events & Presentations

- 41 events and presentations to partners, stakeholders, and communities.
- Rural Alberta Community A&R Conference offered in Brooks, with 97 participants from across Alberta.

### Health Professional Development

- Delivered two Comprehensive Approaches to Rural Emergencies (CARE) courses and three Emergency Department Echocardiogram (EDE) courses to allied health professionals and physicians.
- Sponsored 26 rural nurses to attend the Banff Endoscopy Skills Conference.
- Seven participants in RhPAP's Rural Physician Enrichment programs; 27 participants in RhPAP's General Emergency Medical Skills (GEMS) program.
- Supported two rural physicians to advance their competencies in ultrasound and anesthesiology.

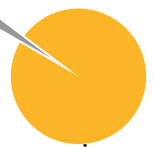
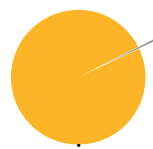
### Housing

*To provide students and residents with accommodations when they are in rural Alberta*

- 133 leases in 52 communities

### Rural Locum Program

<b>Weekend Program</b>	<b>Seniors' Weekend Program</b>
877/890 days of requests filled	875/891 days of requests filled



..... **98% of all locum requests filled** .....



#### Housing Breakdown

##### University of Alberta

- 142 Students
- 80 Residents
- 30 RCI Residents
- 23 ICC Clerks
- 35 Rural Residents
- 24 Nursing Students

##### University of Calgary

- 175 Students
- 70 Residents
- 80 RCI Residents
- 23 UCLIC
- 35 Rural Residents

##### Medicine Hat College

- 5 Nursing Students

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### RhPAP Rhapsody Awards

- Revitalized Rhapsody Awards package to include Physician of Distinction Award, Rural Community Award, and Health-care Heroes Award.

### Rural Health Research

- Conducted research on the strategies that rural Alberta communities use to attract and retain physicians and other health professionals, in partnership with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta (CPSA) and the University of Calgary.
- Collaborated with the University of Alberta to research how rural settings foster interprofessional teamwork in rural nursing and medicine students.

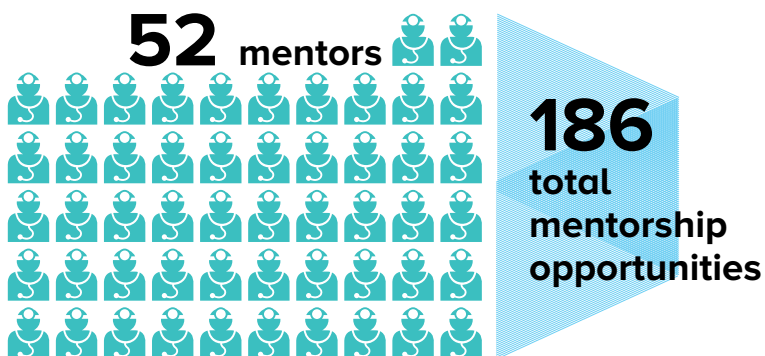
### Tell the Rural Health-care Story

- Developed and launched a new RhPAP website.
- Regular media coverage in rural weeklies.
- Developed at least 19 different partnerships for cross-communication and promotion of rural issues.

### Partnerships & Committees

- RhPAP is a member of Alberta Health Services (AHS) Workforce Strategy Steering Committee.
- RhPAP serves on the Ministry of Health's Physician Resource Planning Advisory Committee (PRPAC).
- Developing a Rural Voice Information Panel (Rural VIP), a provincial platform for rural communities to provide perspective and input to health-related matters.
- Supporting the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) on a three-year Rural Mental Health project.

### Mentorship Program



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#### Twitter

+201,100 Impressions  
1,419 Followers (+8%)  
327 Tweets



#### Facebook

+395,660 reach  
1,325 Likes (+147%)  
45 Videos Uploaded



#### Instagram

398 Followers (+79%)



#### YouTube

118,300 minutes watched  
+48,200 views  
299 Subscribers (+59%)  
19 communities profiled



#### RhPAP Review (e-Newsletter)

2,274 subscribers (+9%)  
Sign up at [rhpap.ca/subscribe](http://rhpap.ca/subscribe)



#### Rural Health Quarterly

Distributed Alberta Rural Health Quarterly print publication to 700 partners across Alberta.

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