

**Date:** April 24, 2023

**To:** Lethbridge AHS – All Staff

**From:** Capital Management and South Zone Executive Leadership

**RE:** Lethbridge Consolidation Initiative

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AHS recently received notification of the need to vacate the Lethbridge Provincial Building by spring 2024 to accommodate Alberta Infrastructures operational requirements. The program currently running out of the building is Addiction and Mental Health.

This presents an opportunity to review and optimize our available spaces for community programs and administrative teams which aligns with the Relaunch and Reimagine Strategy, a strategy that aims to take a balanced approach between utilizing existing owned and leased space.

As a result, we will be doing reconfigurations, renovations, and consolidation plans for the Community Health Unit (train station), Melcor Centre, and Chinook Regional Hospital. The overall goal is to align programs with the most appropriate patient access and cohort clinical services with similar functions.

Lethbridge consolidation planning workshops have occurred between AHS Capital Management and program leadership. The current state of all programs were considered and evaluated. Challenges within existing footprints, departments and service delivery were identified and recommendations were made on how to best accommodate programs and address any issues.

### **Outcome of planning workshops**

It was determined that all community and public health programs currently located at both the train station and Melcor Centre be consolidated under one roof at Melcor Centre. Community addiction and mental health services (currently located at the Provincial Building) will amalgamate to the train station.

### **Next steps**

We are in the early stages of planning and designing processes for these moves and more information will be provided as it comes available.

It is important to note that all programs impacted by any service relocation/change at Melcor Centre and the train station will be intimately involved in the design and construction of their space.

AHS Capital Management team(s) will be scheduling meetings with department leaders to review specific recommendations. We will then begin rearranging areas to make room for construction and begin design consultations with impacted teams.