



Almaguin Highlands Health Council Presentation to MAOHT Collaboration Steering Committee

August 2025

Purpose of Today's Presentation

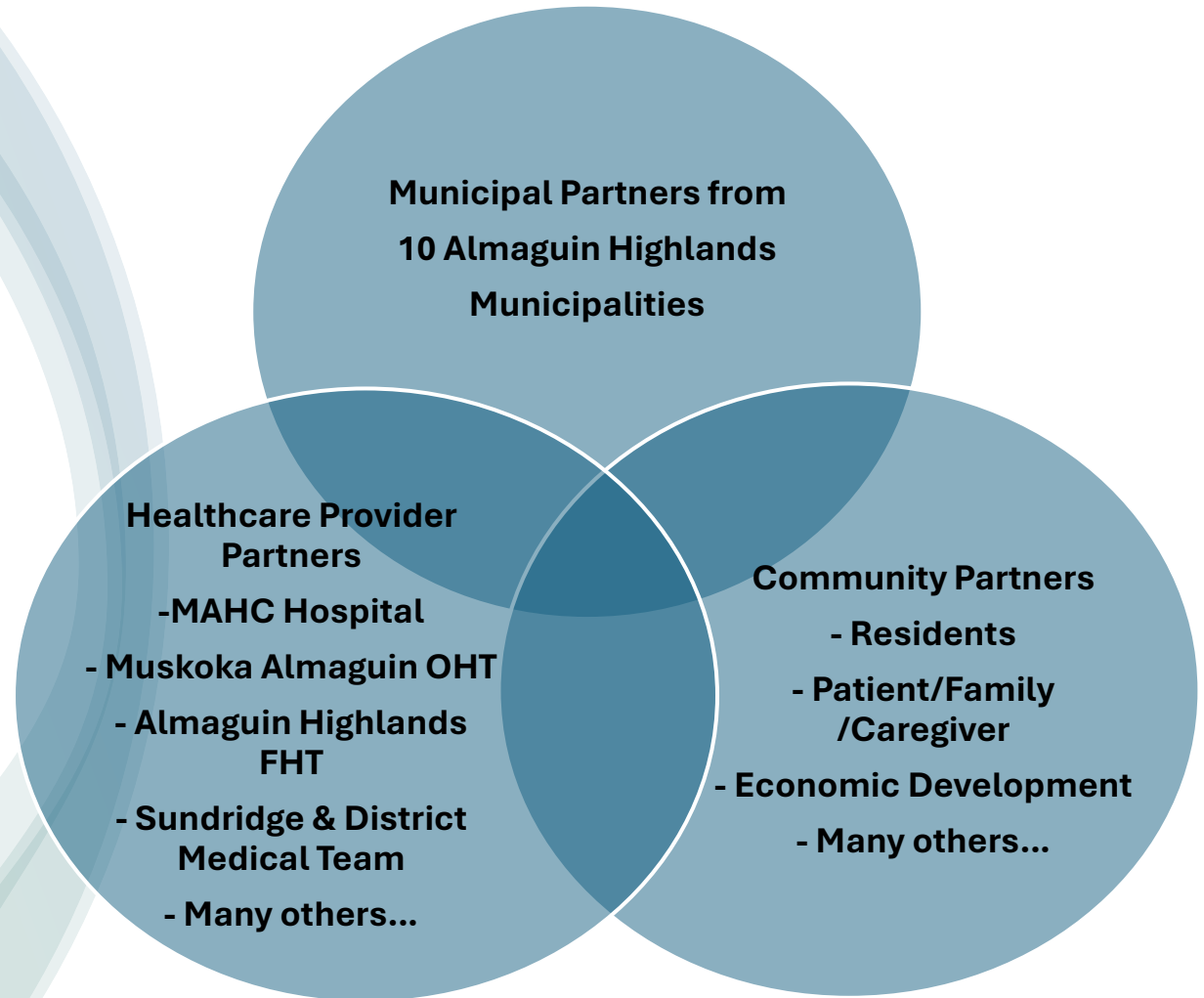
Almaguin Highlands Health Council (AHHC):

Who we are

Our mission

Our ask of patients,
families, caregivers
and our healthcare
partners

AHHC – Who we are



Our Mission


AHHC is:

- Committed to the Health for All approach, particularly with respect to community and local government being key partners in local healthcare delivery, and
- Preparing for the future of healthcare in Almaguin Highlands by finding ways to support patients, families, caregivers and our healthcare partners to eliminate barriers to people getting the care they need in Almaguin Highlands



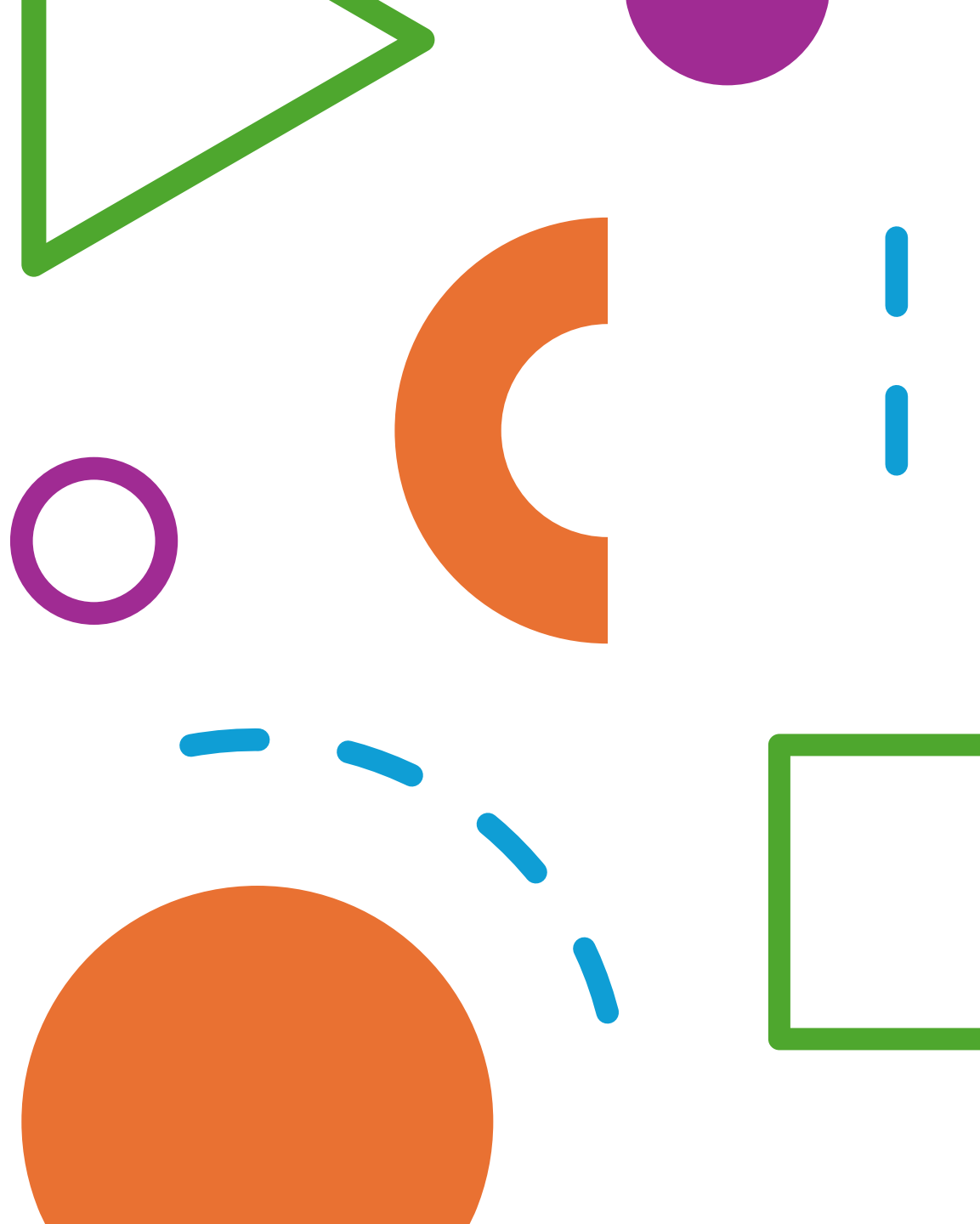
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Our Ask

- Of patients, families, and caregivers: please tell us what ‘you’ need to help eliminate barriers to getting the care ‘you’ need in the Almaguin Highlands region, and
 - Of healthcare partners: please tell us which initiatives you will be undertaking in the next 3 to 5 years to enhance service delivery in the Almaguin Highlands region, and which initiatives you would like to undertake but lack the local resources or support to undertake them.
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Then AHHC will:

- Use this input to identify opportunities for local government to work with you to support enhancement of healthcare delivery in the Almaguin Highlands region, and
- Host a public summit to share the results.





- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AlmaguinHealthcareProviders>
 - Healthcare provider survey sent to each CSC member by email
 - One-on-one meetings can be arranged for those providers wishing to provide a more detailed narrative
- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AHHC2025>
 - Patient, family, caregiver survey posted on each municipality's website and paper copies available throughout the Almaguin Highlands region

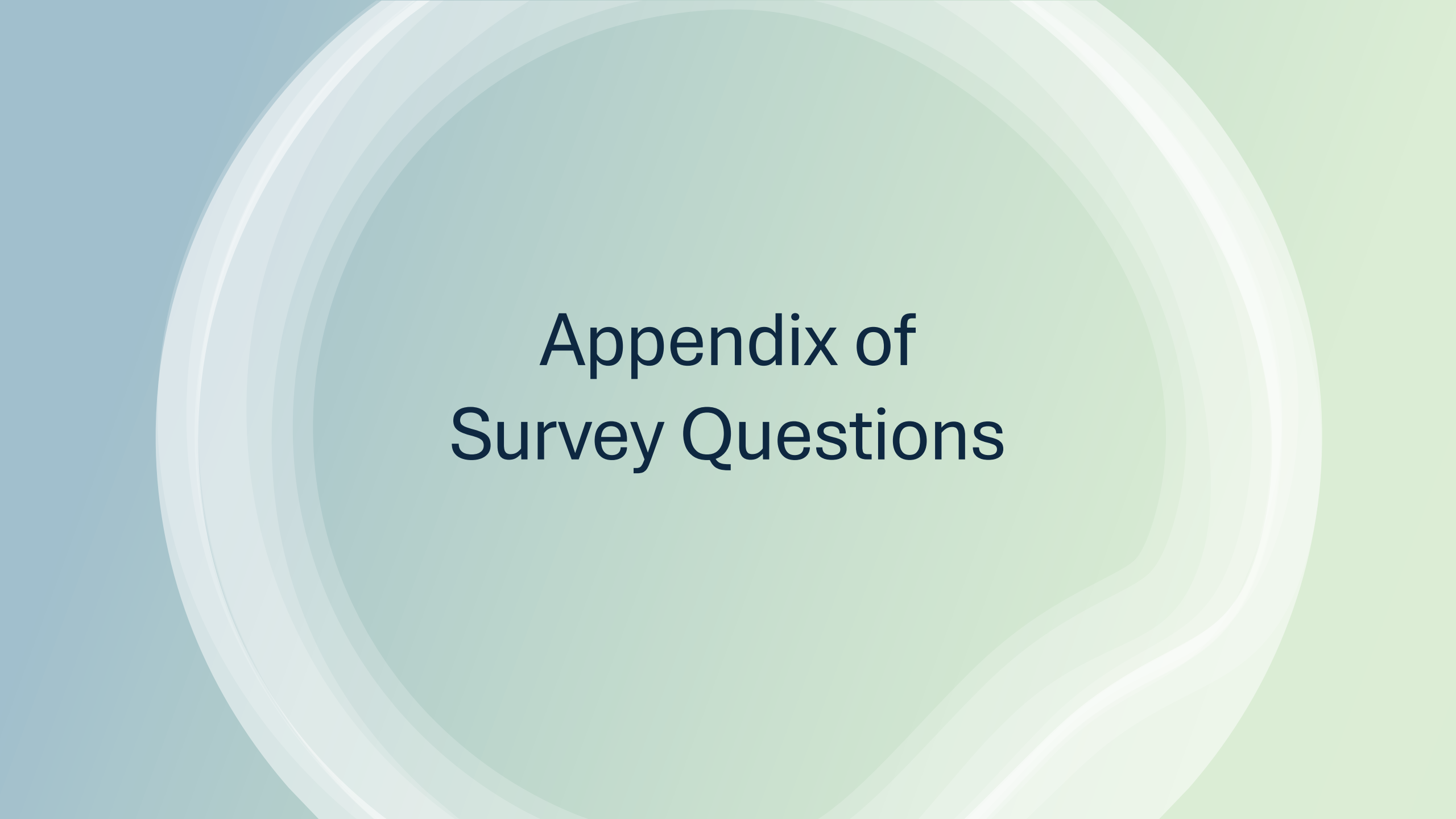
In Closing

- AHHC is asking patients, families, caregivers and our healthcare partners to participate in the survey, or meet with us one-on-one to share your plans for delivery of healthcare in the Almaguin Highlands region because,
- Working together we know we can achieve our mission.





Questions?



Appendix of Survey Questions

Healthcare Provider Survey



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AHHC Survey for Healthcare Providers

1. Please tell us which initiatives you will be undertaking in the next 3-5 years to enhance service delivery in the Almaguin Highlands region?

2. Which initiatives would you like to undertake but lack the local resources or support to undertake them?

3. Looking beyond the 5-year horizon, what technology and service delivery innovations do you anticipate will have a direct impact on the ability to move more healthcare services closer to home (or in home) for patients?

Patient, Family, Caregiver Survey



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Almaguin Highlands Health Council Survey

Health Services

The Almaguin Highlands Health Council (AHC) is looking to gain an understanding of the current gaps and needs of the community with regards to health services. Please provide your feedback as the AHC looks to gain insight into how to eliminate barriers to health services in Almaguin.

* 1. Human Verification Question: What is FIVE plus 2 minus 3?

- ☐ 3
- ☐ 4
- ☐ 5
- ☐ 6

Almaguin Highlands Health Council Survey

Primary Residence

2. Which municipality are you from?

- | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Perry | <input type="radio"/> Ryerson | <input type="radio"/> South River |
| <input type="radio"/> McMurrich/Monteith | <input type="radio"/> Magnetawan | <input type="radio"/> Machar |
| <input type="radio"/> Kearney | <input type="radio"/> Strong | <input type="radio"/> Powassan |
| <input type="radio"/> Armour | <input type="radio"/> Sundridge | |
| <input type="radio"/> Burk's Falls | <input type="radio"/> Joly | |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | | |

3. Are you a:

- ☐ permanent resident
- ☐ Seasonal resident
- ☐ Tourist/visitor of the area

Almaguin Highlands Health Council Survey

Almaguin Local Healthcare Information

4. If you are a permanent resident of Almaguin, where is your current family healthcare provider located?

- | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="radio"/> Burk's Falls | <input type="radio"/> Huntsville |
| <input type="radio"/> Sundridge | <input type="radio"/> Parry Sound |
| <input type="radio"/> South River | <input type="radio"/> North Bay |
| <input type="radio"/> Other (please specify) | |

5. If your current family healthcare provider is not located within the town you reside in, how far are you traveling to access your family healthcare practitioner?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Under 15 minute drive | <input type="radio"/> over an hour drive |
| <input type="radio"/> 15-30 minute drive | <input type="radio"/> Not Applicable |
| <input type="radio"/> 30-60 minute drive | |

6. When you require healthcare services not currently available in the Almaguin region, what are some of the costs/ longterm expenses of accessing healthcare outside of the Almaguin region?

- ☐ Gas/mileage
- ☐ Accommodations
- ☐ Meals
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Almaguin Highlands Health Council Survey

Seasonal Resident or Visitor Information

8. Do you have an interest or plans to move to the Almaguin area in the next 5 years?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Undecided

7. Are you on a waitlist for a local healthcare provider?

- ☐ Yes, I am currently without a family healthcare provider
- ☐ Yes, I am on a waitlist, but am currently with a healthcare provider from outside of the region
- ☐ No, I am already with a local healthcare provider
- ☐ No, I am with with family healthcare provider from outside of the region and will continue to travel outside the area for family care.
- ☐ Other (please specify)

10. What services do you need to travel outside of the Almaguin area for?

11. What do you need to eliminate barriers to health services within Almaguin?

12. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey. Please let us know if you have any other comments or questions that were not addressed in this survey.

Almaguin Highlands Health Council Survey

Health Services

9. What types of health services do you access locally (within Almaguin)?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primary care with a family physician or nurse practitioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> X-ray services | <input type="checkbox"/> Ontario Telemedicine Network |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lab/bloodwork services | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Management |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physiotherapy services | <input type="checkbox"/> Foot care clinic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) | |



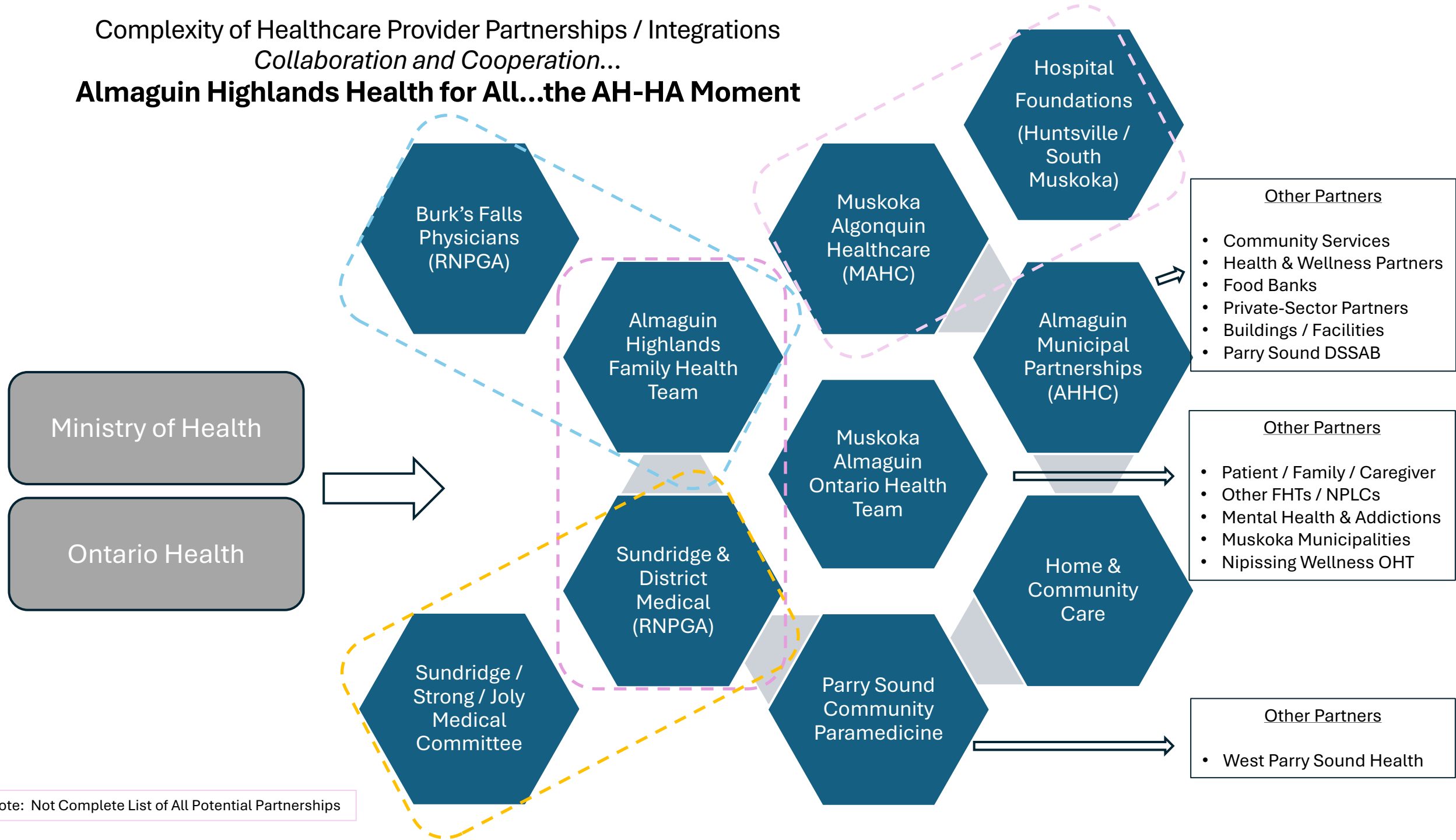
Appendix of AHHC History

AHHC HISTORY



...throughout this timeline we have had to fight to keep existing services, not just try to add new ones...

Complexity of Healthcare Provider Partnerships / Integrations
Collaboration and Cooperation...
Almaguin Highlands Health for All...the AH-HA Moment



RECENT HIGHLIGHTS

