

Sept 14, 2021

Dear Tim Timmons,
County Manager

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of the Health Resources Committee, which is a sub committee of the Eckville and Area Wellness Coalition. The committee is looking at improving access to health care in our small rural community.

The committee recently met with Carolyn Sedlowsky, Thorhild County and Shirley Munroe, Parkland County. These two ladies work for their respective counties to help improve health care access in Thorhild and Wabamun. Both were successful recently in securing Nurse Practitioners services for their small rural communities.

The scope of work that Nurse Practitioners have been able to do has changed and expanded in recent years. Among other things Nurse Practitioners can do driver's medicals, flu vaccines, they can refer to a specialist, they can order x rays, scans, tests and they can write prescriptions. They can be very valuable in a small rural community.

The Health Resources committee would like to invite Lacombe County to have a county councilor sit as a representative on our committee as we continue to pursue better access to health care in the community of Eckville.

Thank you for considering this request.

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