

Information for County 2022

- Medical Clinic closed in 2012
- Recruitment for doctor strategies by Town Council & CAO
- Community Social Needs Assessment Survey Results 2017
 - Eckville & Surrounding Area
 - “What would make Eckville a better place to live?” Having access to a “doctor” was the #1 answer.
- Eckville & Area Wellness Coalition(2018) started looking into the idea of doctor recruitment
- Fall of 2019 Met with Caroline Chamber of Commerce to find out about the doctor services available in Caroline
- 2020 Covid 19
- Early 2021 Started the Health Resources Committee as a committee of the EAWC
- Mid 2021 --- We became aware of the scope of practice for NP – and decided to pursue options in this area
- Connected with Carolyn Sedlowsky – Thorhild, Shirley Munroe – Wabamun and Warburg and Thorsby – fall of 2021 to find out about the NP and the support provided by the counties
- \$10,000 Annually from Clearwater to Caroline Doctor operations
- \$50,000 in Thorhild annually
- Parkland County owns the building and is covering all the utilities and operational costs annually.
- Thorsby-Warburg – Leduc County contributes \$50,000 per year to cover admin support
- Red Deer County contributes \$10,000 annually to operations at Delburne doctor clinic
- Started work with the PCN – on process for accessing a possible NP position for Eckville – this is a work in progress --- limited positions left in 2021 so it was suggested that Eckville put together a proposal for early 2022 (March 2022 hopefully)

Costs

- NP \$125,00 from AHS – covers all aspects of the position
- \$55,000 Medical Office Assistant
- \$12,000 Electronic Medical Records
- We need \$67,000 annually for a period of three years – commitment for 3 years

What are the goals for our meeting with Lacombe County?

- Partner in the NP position
- Annual funding for 3 years to help support position
- Participating in a regional initiative to better support residents in town and county
- Possibly joining with other counties to lobby the MLA's – we would want NP to access funds through AHS using a funding model established by AHS --- (a funding model similar to the one that doctors are now using to access funds from AHS)

- Regional initiative
- Lobby for support from NP with MLA's --- could be joint effort with the other counties and small rural communities like Eckville