



#### Healthcare and Wellness (HAWC) Newsletter

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# Time flies when you are a HAWC.



We attended the IH information meeting, as well as I was invited to the Pre meeting with the IH group and Mayor. No council.

Approx 165 of these cards were signed and delivered to at the question period. Although it wasn't answered.

They also wore stickers saying they support Wellness Coalition



Healthcare and

<u>Clinton Health Fair and Flu Clinic</u>—we attended and found the people there talkative about their experiences, and supportive of the work we are doing and we

#### **Next Steps**

Several days after the IH meeting of the 17th, I received a phone call from

Lisa Zetes—Zanatta

Executive Director Clinical Operations IH West Interior Health Authority

She called to confirm that I do have a place at the area planning table as the President of HAWC. She said that Mayor and Council were able to invite anyone within reason that would help the discussions.

We also learned that Lisa booked a date to come to the health site, October 31st, we asked and she agreed to a meeting with our Executive. It was a promising discussion, for the first time.



These three ladies with some help from their partners, spoke to maybe 90% of those who attended the IH information meeting!

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## Meeting with Lisa Zetes—Zanatta

### Leanne Davies, Donna Monford and Sheila Corneillie

October 31st, we met with Lisa, she acknowledged receiving at least one of our letters, this was the first time IH had acknowledged them.

She talked about the data being collected to review the communities patient needs and accesses. We discussed how that could be skewed from years of shortages of services.

She said she also believes there is a need for extenstion of services, but that she also doesn't know yet how that should look, this is exactly what we have been saying, except we say emergency services must be included in the discussion.

She says she is ready to discuss a 7 day healthcare model.

Lisa has also done some research to learn how Ashcroft Health Care services deteriorated to this point, and in particular at the nursing situation. Thank goodness someone is listening.

We had one more phone call meeting as I am preparing this newsletter, and we feel that Lisa hears us, understands us, and thinks in similar ways to the way we are proposing and thinking.

#### Website

As a legacy of the United Way Funds we secured for the Health Fair in April, we still have a credit to get our website updated to our current world.

There is an old tired website that will disappear, and the new one will take it's place.

Watch for an update here and on our FB page.