

## Community Health Center Society for Ashcroft and AREA

August 2019 Newsletter

### Surprise

We had a surprise visitor at our last meeting, Mayor Roden of Ashcroft. She wanted to add her comments to my report on the Healthcare Area planning table. Worth repeating from the minutes:

**Barbara Roden added to the report: We need to manage our expectations for the emergency department and, by rehashing the emergency department issues, it is sucking air from the meetings. Barbara added that she would be surprised if we see a 24/7 emergency again. We need to find new ways to go forward.**

*Sheila Corneillie added: The people at the planning table have very different opinions while speaking for our community.*

I sit at these planning meetings and wonder, if the people attending these healthcare area planning sessions, gather input from their councils, communities, team, or do they speak from their own opinions, experiences and needs / wants.

I am proud of the work we have undertaken to have meaningful input from all of our communities in the catchment area including First Nations. By holding a health fair, conducting a survey, and traveling to each community to have them participate in a petition, we feel we have a good idea what the communities want and are ready for these very important meetings.

We are very thankful for the attendance of our healthcare council representatives from each community, to hear what we are working on and

reporting back, and appreciate hearing from them.

### Change

New name, means new logo, still working on it, we want to avoid as much confusion as possible as we transition to meet the requirements for a non-profit society status. We will continue to refer to ourselves as Healthcare and Wellness Coalition. Titles need to be amended to suit. Chair becomes President, Vice Chair becomes Vice President. We will require a treasurer. If we are not successful appointing one for this year, one of the executive will take it on until next election of officers.



Dr. "Bukky" Adeosun, and her family arrived this week, they have been exploring our communities, we held a meet and greet with them on Sunday Sep 8<sup>th</sup> at the Ashcroft Hub. A variety of people were selected to join, that could share some highlights of our community for their recreation and quality of life. We are excited to have a second physician who committed to bring her family and move into our community. Missing was Dr. Adetola – the first physician in a while to bring his family and move to our community. He had planned to come, but must have become busy.