RhPAP's Rural Community Development and Engagement Team

Who are we?
The team members’ skills and experiences include:
- International and domestic community development
- Rural community engagement
- Indigenous communities’ relationships
- Rural healthcare services
- Communications and journalism
- Early childhood development
- Teaching (secondary and post-secondary)
- International health delivery
- Cross-cultural sensitivities

What guides our work?
Our team is guided by a community development and engagement philosophy.

What do we offer rural community attraction and retention (A&R) committees?
We offer a range of A&R supports including practical tools and techniques, examples of rural Alberta community successes, and community building learning opportunities.

What resources do we have available to support committee work?
- Rural community A&R toolkit
- A&R grants to support community-based and community-led work
- Learning opportunities or events
- Bi-annual provincial A&R conference

What else do we do?
- Let’s Go Rural! We support community-driven initiatives that offer rural high school students and post-secondary health career students creative opportunities to explore both rural health-care careers and the lifestyle that comes with living rurally.

With whom do we partner?
We partner with a range of provincial organizations and institutions including:
- AHS: Medical Affairs, Community Engagement, Talent Acquisition, and Student Placements
- Rural Municipalities of Alberta (RMA)
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA)
- CMHA – Alberta Division, Rural Mental Health project
- Northern Alberta Development Council (NADC)
- Post-secondary institutions including universities, regional colleges, and technical institutions