The First Nations Health Authority Engagement Framework – a Model for Public Health Program and Service Delivery

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Overview

1. Introduction to the FNHA
2. *FNHA Approach to* engagement
3. Next steps for Engagement
The Four Pillars

1) First Nations Health Authority 2) First Nations Health Council 3) First Nations Health Director’s Association 4) Tripartite Committee on First Nations Health
Building the FNHA

Shared Vision
Healthy, self-determining and vibrant BC First Nations children, families and communities

Shared Values
Respect, Discipline, Relationships, Culture, Excellence & Fairness

7 Directives from BC First Nations
1) Community Driven, Nation Based
2) Increase First Nations Decision-Making
3) Improve Services
4) Foster Meaningful Collaboration and Partnerships
5) Develop Human and Economic Capacity
6) Be without Prejudice to First Nations Interests
7) Function at a High Operational Standard
FN’s Wellness Model

- FNHA as a health & wellness partner
- Living the Wellness Model – FNHA as a Champion for health and Wellness
- Commitment to supporting the health and wellness from the youngest to the oldest
- Commitment to our youth (*46% under 25)
- Leading edge of systemic change by aligning with the Innovation and Change Agenda of the Province of BC
Core Components of the Wellness Model

- Nurturing Spirit
- Respecting tobacco
- Being Active
- Eating Healthy
- Maintaining Healthy Body Weight
Building a First Nations Health Authority

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= Our approach to building a uniquely First Nations Health Authority
Building the Foundation through Engagement

• Engagement has been a priority since day one
• Broad Spectrum of Engagement with: Communities; Health Directors; Health Service Providers; FN Leadership; Tripartite Partners; Aboriginal Partners
• All four pillars play a critical role in Engagement
Why is Engagement so Important?

• Puts First Nations at the front and center of health and wellness planning
• Informs Strategic Policy, Planning and Development at all levels
• Builds Consensus
• Solidifies a commitment to collectively work together to make the system better
Engagement Activities and Initiatives

- Community Engagement Hubs
- FNHDA AGM
- Gathering Wisdom
- Strategy Tables
- Regional Caucuses – Regional Tables
- Partnership Accords
- MOU’s – Aboriginal Partnerships
- Community Health and Wellness Initiatives
- Virtually: Email; Surveys; Learning Circles
The Engagement Pathway is guided by the 7 Directives adopted by BC First Nations in the *Consensus Paper: BC First Nations Perspectives on a New Health Governance Arrangement*, and the principle of Reciprocal Accountability.
A **New Level of Dialogue** for First Nations health service improvements

FNHDA: Strategic level advice for province-wide strategies

Dialogue through Regional/Sub-Regional Caucuses & meetings

Health Directors running community programs and services