
Implementing the Memorandum of Understanding: *A Shared Agenda for Health and Wellness*

Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey VIII
November 30, 2016



Many Actions Have Built to Today



A Commitment to Partnership

Memorandum of Understanding

BETWEEN
Government of British Columbia
AND
First Nations Health Council
(COLLECTIVELY THE "PARTIES")

A Regional Engagement Process and Partnership to
Develop a Shared Ten-Year Social Determinants
Strategy for First Nation Peoples in BC



GOVERNMENT OF BRITISH COLUMBIA



HONOURABLE JOHN RUSTAD,
MINISTER OF ABORIGINAL RELATIONS AND RECONCILIATION


WITNESS

DATE: March 03, 2016

FIRST NATIONS HEALTH COUNCIL


GRAND CHIEF DOUG KELLY,
CHAIR, FIRST NATIONS HEALTH COUNCIL


WARNER ADAM,
DEPUTY CHAIR, FIRST NATIONS HEALTH COUNCIL

DATE: March 2, 2016



Continuing Commitments & Immediate Actions

- Using the *engagement and approvals pathway* towards achieving consensus on a ten year social determinants strategy
- Immediate areas of focus
 - Child and Family Wellbeing
 - Child Welfare
 - Education
 - Justice



■ Immediate actions

- ❑ Implement an initial six month engagement process
- ❑ Identify and agree a potential first set of pragmatic, effective, responsive, and culturally appropriate actions in immediate areas of focus
- ❑ Use feedback from Chiefs and Leaders at Gathering Wisdom to inform development of Ministry Service Plans
- ❑ Establish clear outcomes, measures, and track and report on progress



Ministries Moving Forward Together



What We Heard From You

- 1) Ministries and services need to complement one another, and work together to address common issues.
- 2) Increase First Nations decision making, control and capacity, including Chiefs and Leaders as early in the process as possible.
- 3) Mental health and wellness initiatives need to support healing from intergenerational trauma.



What We Heard From You

- 4) Children and youth are the priority across all sectors.
- 5) Relationship building at the local level.
- 6) Flexible funding and accountability.
- 7) The services offered need to be delivered in culturally safe and respectful environments.



Next Steps

- The province is committed to the memorandum of understanding, and supporting the key themes from the engagement sessions
- Proposing that our first year will focus on supporting the goal of keeping First Nations families together, when safe to do so, and supporting permanency



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- Use feedback from Chiefs and Leaders at Gathering Wisdom to inform development of Ministry Service Plans
 - Service Plans made public on budget day in February then together establish clear outcomes, measures, and track and report on progress
 - Start work on longer term commitment



Ministry of Health Commitments

- Strengthening evidence-based programming for new mothers during the perinatal period.
- Improving resources to support parents in developing parenting skills.
- Improving access to mental health and wellness services, with a strong focus on trauma-informed practices.
- Increasing access to culturally appropriate substance use treatment services in partnership with FNHA's existing services.
- Implementing the commitment to culturally safe health services.



First Nations
Health Council



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness



Thank you

