

# Population, Public & Indigenous Health Strategic Clinical Network™

Population Public & Indigenous Health News  
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Both Indigenous Health and Population & Public Health Core Committees coming together to discuss opportunities for alignment between our two core committees.

Welcome to the Population, Public & Indigenous Health Strategic Clinical Network's™ (PPIH SCN™) first quarterly newsletter

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## What's Ahead?

Upcoming Core Committee Meetings:

September 19 & 20 in Calgary

November 28 & 29 in Leduc

## Did You Know?

- Approximately 25% of a person's health can be attributed to the health care system
- 75% of what determines our health is outside of the health care system



### Population & Public Health

- Advance innovation in PPH
- Focus on upstream solutions & community capacity building
- Population level improvement through participatory & applied research

### SCNs™

- Improve Population & Public Health
- Innovate to improve quality of care & prevention of disease
- Address variation, equity & disparity in care
- Explore cross-cutting improvement
- Integrate strategic research

### Indigenous Health

- Use Truth & Reconciliation Commission (TRC) to improve health outcomes
- Use traditional approaches/ways of knowing to advance understanding
- Engagement is a foundation
- Nation to Nation approach

Questions, comments or feedback?

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**Indigenous Health Core Committee**

**Message from Leadership**

As we progress past our one-year milestone and look forward to the year ahead, I reflect back on the year that has passed. Our Indigenous Health Core Committee came together including:

- Forty-nine (49) members, representing all five (5) AHS Zones
- Roles & Experience in Administration, Policy Development, Academia, and Community
- Clinicians, Physicians, Academics and Community Advisors
- Forty-five percent (45%) self-identifying as First Nations, Metis, or Inuit

The Core Committee has tackled the work of developing the Indigenous Health Transformational Roadmap (TRM), and has succeeded in completing the Vision, Mission, Key Focus Areas, Strategic Goals, and Action Areas. In pursuit



of advancing our Key Focus Areas, and finalizing the Transformational Roadmap, we will continue to plan and develop priorities and projects while driving innovative health approaches.

Understanding the importance of Indigenous engagement, our leadership and SCN™ has committed a focus on community

engagement. We will continue to seek opportunities to engage with our community in the coming year.

I look forward to the next steps in changing the story for our people.

*- Wayne Labonte, Manager, Indigenous Health Core Committee -*

Vision	
Healthy Albertans. Healthy Communities. Together	
Mission	
To improve the health and wellness of Indigenous Peoples by: -Engaging Indigenous peoples as equal partners in their own health care at the individual, family and community level. -Exploring and identifying equitable, holistic and culturally safe health practices -Acknowledging and addressing health disparities that are rooted in inequities related to the determinants of health	
Key Focus Areas	Strategic Goals
-Address determinants of Indigenous people's health -Transform health services and systems -Reconciliation	-Close the gaps in health outcomes of Indigenous peoples -Improve health services and systems to provide equitable, holistic, culturally safe and appropriate health care with Indigenous peoples -Build relationships and trust through respectful engagement

“By bringing our communities together, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, we’re able to create opportunities for all of us to work together and make a difference in this world”

*-Blackfoot Elder Leonard Bastien-*

*(National Aboriginal Day Celebration June 21, 2017 – Calgary - )*

➤ **In Alberta there are 45 First Nations in three treaty areas.**

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ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- Population, Public & Indigenous Health Senior Leadership
- Provincial Population and Public Health Leaders
- Strategic Clinical Networks™ Leadership
- Wisdom Council
- Health Co-Management
- Medical Officers of Health
- Alberta Population & Public Health Council
- Campus Alberta Health Outcomes & Public Health – O’Brien Institute
- University of Alberta – Integrative Health Institute
- University of Alberta – School of Public Health
- University of Calgary – Faculty of Medicine
- Joint Action Health Plan
- Métis Nation of Alberta
- Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council
- Treaty 8 Health Commission
- Western Cree Tribal Council
- Confederacy of Treaty 6/Métis Settlements Health Commission
- Yellowhead Tribal Council
- Bigstone Cree Nation
- Lesser Slave Lake Indian Regional Council

PPIH SCN™ Timeline: A Year In Review



**Population & Public Health Core Committee**

**Message From Leadership**

The Population and Public Health (PPH) Core Committee celebrated its first birthday this past June. Starting from a passion for “thinking big”, the core committee members explored their “hopes for advancing the work” and discussed “what if” scenarios from a population and public health perspective.

These discussions were foundational to establishing a vision, mission, and key focus areas for population and public health that formed the foundation of the Transformational Roadmap (TRM). Further refinements of the TRM led to development of strategic goals and subsequent validation of 6 priority action areas. The PPH Core Committee members worked hard to identify and prioritize potential SCN™ projects while continuously questioning what would constitute the “best” work that this SCN™ could be advancing.

Our first year concluded with committee endorsement of 5 priority project ideas and the development of working groups to support the further development in each project area, including a conceptual design and soon to come project charters. We are now just beyond the first year



*PPH Core Committee Member, Bill Slater, at the one year anniversary of the PPIH SCN™*

milestone where we will finalize and publish the TRM, develop an approach to engage with the population and with our strategic partners to actualize and mobilize our own work.

Stay tuned for details and updates!

*- Elaine Beierbach, Manager PPH Core Committee -*

<b>Vision</b>	
<b>Healthy Albertans. Healthy Communities. Together.</b>	
<b>Mission</b>	
(Drive Innovation that)...Create(s) opportunities and conditions for all (OR “everyone” or “all people” in Alberta to reach their full health potential	
<b>Key Focus Areas</b>	<b>Strategic Goals</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Strengthen Community Action</li> <li>➤ Reorient Health Services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Communities and intersectoral partners take action to improve health outcomes and reduce inequities</li> <li>➤ Shared responsibility for promoting health and well-being is firmly embedded across health services</li> </ul>

**PPH - Projects**

- Embedding Action on Social and Preventative Factors in the Clinical Information System
- Changing the Conversation (Albertans understand the impact of social determinants on health)
- Alberta Healthy Communities Approach
- Community Cancer Prevention Screening Dashboard
- AHS Healthy Albertans Strategy



### News From Our Scientific Office

## Research News – Year In Review

- We started development of an asset map of PPIH researchers from across the province that we will use and will be beneficial to others as we identify research needs/opportunities.
- We have had meetings with a number of different faculties at both the University of Calgary and the University of Alberta with plans to meet with the university of Lethbridge and other post-secondary institutions in Alberta. Our goal is to identify potential synergies with our SCN™ focus areas, to identify research innovations that the SCN™ can learn from and to explore partnership potential.
- We are partnered with Dr. Stephanie Montesanti from the University of Alberta on a successful Canadian Institute of Health Research Wild Fire Grant with the Indigenous communities in Wood Buffalo to understand impact and resiliency.
- We are partnered with Dr. Shannon MacDonald from the University of Alberta, Alberta Health and the Alberta First Nations and Inuit Governance Centre on a successful Canadian Institute of Health research grant to better understand barriers to childhood immunization and to address data integration issues across jurisdictional boundaries
- We are supporting a Canadian Institute of Health Research Health Systems Fellowship Grant Request as a mentor for a post-doctoral fellow focused in supporting child oral health for families experiencing violence.
- We are a partner on a Canadian Institute of Health Research Grant for Indigenous Research student capacity building with Dr. Cheryl Barnabe and Dr Lynden Crowshoe of the University of Calgary.
- In conjunction with the Research and Innovation Department of the PPIH, the members of the Scientific Office published 4 papers as contributing authors, 4 more were accepted/in press and 1 was submitted. We presented 5 posters and made 4 oral presentations. We have supervised 4 students and mentored 9 others.

We are looking forward to another busy and exciting year in the Scientific Office!

*- Dr. Deb McNeil, Scientific Director -*

## Congratulations, Dr. Deb McNEIL, on your RETIREMENT!!!!

Wishing you the warmest congratulations on your retirement!

Thank you for being such a vital part of the launch of our SCN™, and for your continued dedication as we have worked towards our goals.

As you journey into retirement, we wish you new successes and happiness.

Always,

*The Population, Public and Indigenous Health SCN™ Team*



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**One-Year Anniversary**

On June 20, 2017, the **Indigenous Health Core Committee** and the **Population and Public Health Core Committee** joined together for a joint dinner to share **Transformational Roadmaps**, to discuss alignment between our two Core Committees, to enjoy a Presentation on **Ethical Space** by **Elder Reg Crowshoe**, and to celebrate the **One-Year Anniversary of the PPIH SCN.**

