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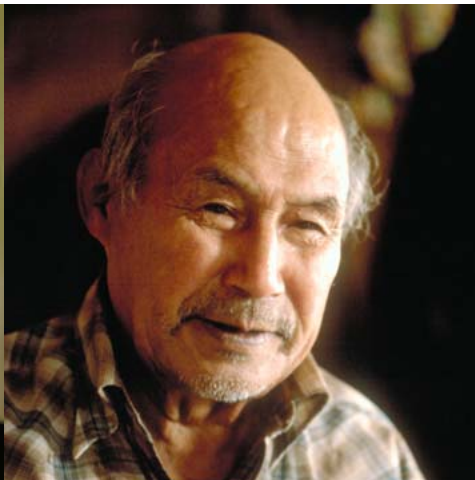
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# FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT HEALTH & THE TRIPARTITE FIRST NATIONS HEALTH PLAN

## Vancouver Island Health Authority Region

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## OVERVIEW OF PRESENTATION

- First Nations and Inuit Health overview
- What has changed under the TFNHP?
- Tripartite activities and accomplishments
- Discussion



## FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT HEALTH BC REGION

### Our mandate:

- Ensure the availability of, or access to, health services for First Nations and Inuit communities
- Assist First Nations and Inuit communities to address health barriers, disease threats, and attain health levels comparable to other Canadians living in similar locations
- Build strong partnerships with First Nations and Inuit to improve the health system



## FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT HEALTH BC REGION

### Core activities in support of this mandate:

- Transfer existing health resources to First Nations and Inuit control within a time-frame to be determined with them
- Support action on health status inequalities affecting communities, according to their identified priorities - community involvement is key
- Establish a renewed relationship with First Nations and Inuit people



# FNIH PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

## Health Transfer & Benefits

- ♦ Post Transfer Agreements
- ♦ Transfer Development
- ♦ Integrated Agreements
- ♦ Contracts & Contributions

## Non-Insured Health Benefits

- ♦ Drugs; dental; vision; mental health crisis counselling; medical supplies/equipment; medical transportation

## Dental

- ♦ Children's Oral Health Initiative
- ♦ Therapy and Treatment
- ♦ Prevention and Promotion

## Health Promotion & Prevention

- ♦ National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program
- ♦ Mental Health
- ♦ National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy
- ♦ Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program
- ♦ Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative
- ♦ Nutrition
- ♦ Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder
- ♦ Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve
- ♦ Early Childhood Development
- ♦ Maternal and Child Health
- ♦ Injury Prevention

## Health Protection

- ♦ Communicable Disease Control
- ♦ Epidemiology/Research
- ♦ TB Control
- ♦ Pandemic Emergency Planning
- ♦ HIV/AIDS

## Policy and Planning

- ♦ Ab. Health Transition Fund
- ♦ Ab. Health HR Initiative

## Environmental Health Services

- ♦ Drinking Water and Sewage
- ♦ Food Safety
- ♦ Facility Health Inspection
- ♦ Housing
- ♦ West Nile Virus

## Regional Programs Medical Officer

- ♦ Medical Delegated Authority
- ♦ Pharmacy
- ♦ Health Planning & Management
- ♦ Surveillance & Health Research
- ♦ Health Consultation & Liaison
- ♦ e-Health

## Nursing

- ♦ Transfer Nursing
- ♦ Home and Community Care
- ♦ Recruitment and Retention
- ♦ Nursing Education
- ♦ Nursing Practice and Research



## WHAT HAS CHANGED UNDER THE TFNHP?

- **Bringing a ‘tripartite perspective’ to our work**
  - Renewed focus on the ways in which working through existing partnerships, and building new ones, can better advance shared goals on First Nations health
- **Overcoming boundaries and jurisdictional divisions**
  - Exploring new opportunities to work together to address common priorities
- **Building new mechanisms to support collaboration**
  - Tripartite Management Team
  - Aboriginal Health Leads meetings
  - Tripartite committees, reference groups, and project teams



## WHAT HAS CHANGED... CON'T

- **On the ground coordination to support service delivery improvements**
  - Developing a foundation for more coordinated health planning across the tripartite partners and with First Nations communities
- **Improved information sharing and communication**
  - Inviting partners to participate in events, meetings, consultations, etc.
  - Tripartite Communications Steering Committee



# TRIPARTITE INITIATIVES

## H1N1 Pandemic Influenza

### How are we working together?

- Tripartite working group established and meeting regularly to support information exchange and cooperation among partners
- Drafting and distributing regular H1N1 communications to First Nations

### How has this made a difference?

- Better and more efficient coordination
- Improved communication among partners and with First Nations
- Faster response times to emerging issue

### Next steps

- Coordination for H1N1 vaccine clinics
- Evaluation of efforts
- Applying similar model with other health issues?



# TRIPARTITE INITIATIVES

## Tripartite Data Sharing and Quality Agreement

### How are we working together?

- The Tripartite Data Quality and Sharing working group have drafted a renewed agreement, and are continuing to meet to develop implementation protocols

### What difference will it make?

- The agreement will allow for continual sharing of information between partners
- The agreement will also enable good quality data to be used by the tripartite partners to help to identify gaps and plan strategies to address them
- The agreement will give First Nations a voice in determining the research agenda and ensuring research projects will benefit First Nations people – it is a part of recognizing and respecting First Nations as full partners in decision making

### Next steps

- The Agreement is expected to be signed in the coming months.



## MOVING FORWARD: CHALLENGES

- Setting shared priorities between partners
- Building towards new ways of working while simultaneously maintaining services and programs that are supporting communities
- Sustaining momentum when change takes time to achieve



## MOVING FORWARD: OPPORTUNITIES

- Using a tripartite approach to continue to seek new opportunities to improve health services
  - e.g. developing Tele-Ophthalmology services to expand access to retinal screening
- Foundational partnerships and working relationships in place... and more to come
  - e.g. explore opportunities to make better use of patient transportation funding through collaborative approaches

