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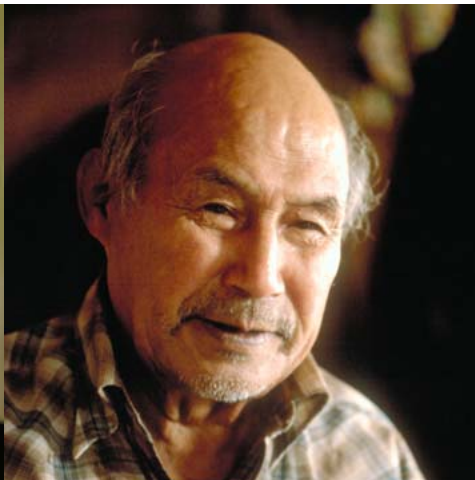
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## FIRST NATIONS AND INUIT HEALTH & THE TRIPARTITE FIRST NATIONS HEALTH PLAN

Vancouver Coastal Health Authority Region

Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey III  
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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



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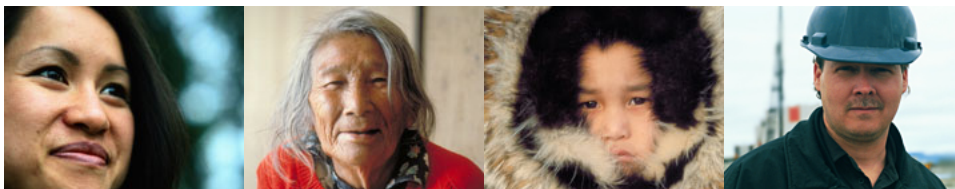
## Core activities in support of this mandate:

- 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

<p><b>Health Transfer &amp; Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Post Transfer Agreements</li> <li>♦ Transfer Development</li> <li>♦ Integrated Agreements</li> <li>♦ Contracts &amp; Contributions</li> </ul>	<p><b>Health Promotion &amp; Prevention</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program</li> <li>♦ Mental Health</li> <li>♦ National Aboriginal Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy</li> <li>♦ Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program</li> <li>♦ Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative</li> <li>♦ Nutrition</li> <li>♦ Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder</li> <li>♦ Aboriginal Head Start on Reserve</li> <li>♦ Early Childhood Development</li> <li>♦ Maternal and Child Health</li> <li>♦ Injury Prevention</li> </ul>	<p><b>Health Protection</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Communicable Disease Control</li> <li>♦ Epidemiology/Research</li> <li>♦ TB Control</li> <li>♦ Pandemic Emergency Planning</li> <li>♦ HIV/AIDS</li> </ul>	<p><b>Regional Programs Medical Officer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Medical Delegated Authority</li> <li>♦ Pharmacy</li> <li>♦ Health Planning &amp; Management</li> <li>♦ Surveillance &amp; Health Research</li> <li>♦ Health Consultation &amp; Liaison</li> <li>♦ e-Health</li> </ul>
<p><b>Non-Insured Health Benefits</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Drugs; dental; vision; mental health crisis counselling medical supplies/equipment; medical transportation</li> </ul>		<p><b>Policy and Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Ab. Health Transition Fund</li> <li>♦ Ab. Health HR Initiative</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Dental</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Children's Oral Health Initiative</li> <li>♦ Therapy and Treatment</li> <li>♦ Prevention and Promotion</li> </ul>		<p><b>Environmental Health Services</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Drinking Water and Sewage</li> <li>♦ Food Safety</li> <li>♦ Facility Health Inspection</li> <li>♦ Housing</li> <li>♦ West Nile Virus</li> </ul>	<p><b>Nursing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Transfer Nursing</li> <li>♦ Home and Community Care</li> <li>♦ Recruitment and Retention</li> <li>♦ Nursing Education</li> <li>♦ Nursing Practice and Research</li> </ul>



## 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 meetings, consultations, events 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?



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## Aboriginal Patient Navigators

### How are we working together?

- 33 patient navigator positions in place across BC to assist Aboriginal people to access and successfully navigate the health care system
- Funding for positions provided by Health Canada through the Aboriginal Health Transition Fund and the BC Government. Positions are managed by Health Authorities.

### What difference has it made?

- Increased access to health care services
- Cultural safety in interactions with health care providers
- Improved experiences in navigating the health care system

### Next steps

- Explore opportunities to provide ongoing support for patient navigator positions



## 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. support for cultural competency work led by Provincial Health Services Authority
- 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

