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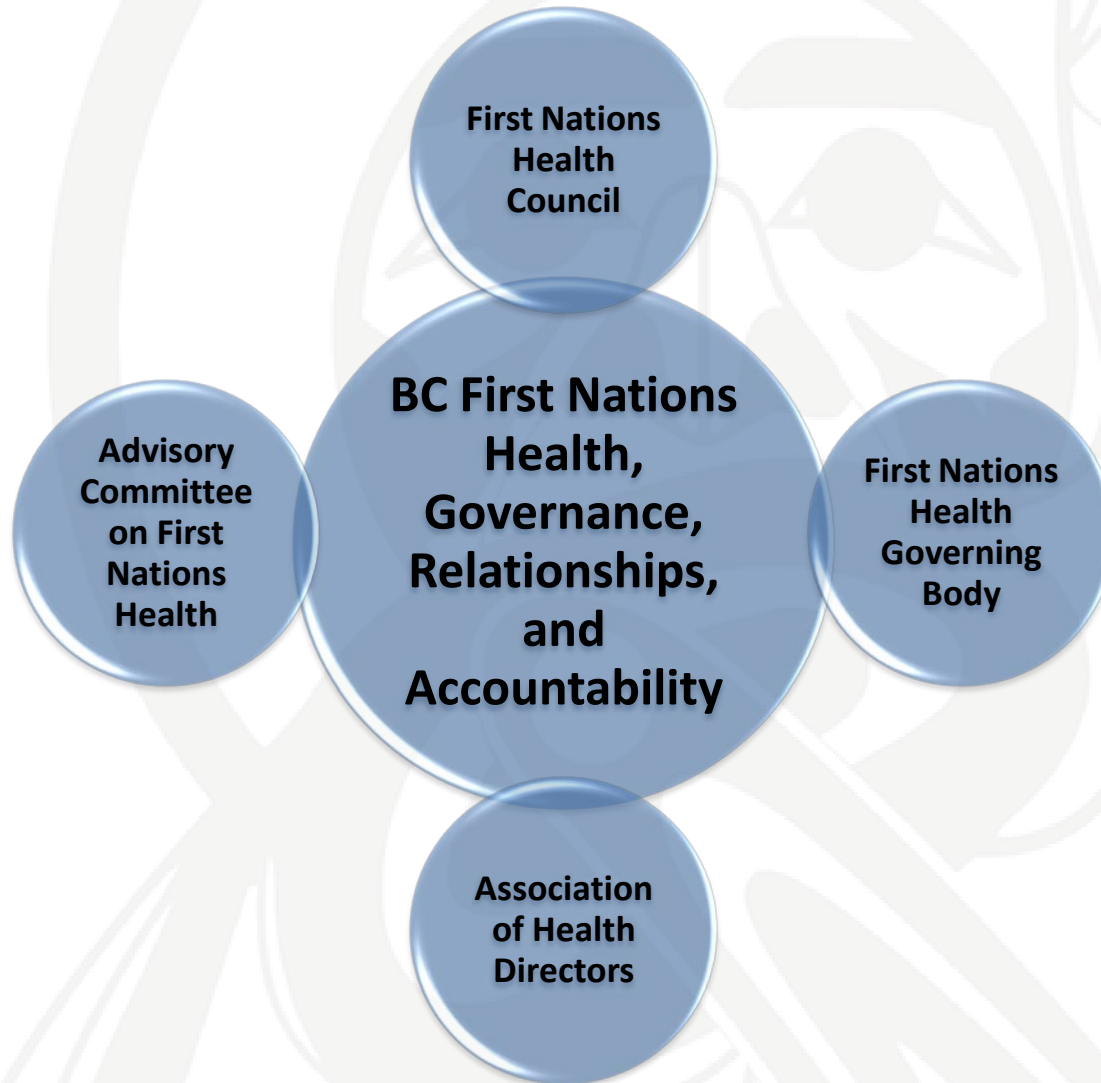
Health Directors Association Update of Activities

September 29th, 2008

Background

- The Tripartite First Nations Health Plan calls for a new governing structure for First Nations Health.
- The new governance structure for First Nations health services in British Columbia will have four essential components...

THE FOUR PILLARS OF GOVERNANCE



Tripartite Health Plan

An association of health directors and other health professionals will create and implement a comprehensive capacity development plan for the management and delivery of community-based services and support First Nations and their mandated health organizations in training, program development and knowledge transfer.

-From the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan

Forum Planning Committee

- In June 2008, the Health Council put out a general call to establish a planning committee for this forum.
- A committee was established representing a mix of rural, remote, transferred and integrated.
- The committee held a number of meetings over the summer and set the direction for this forum.

Health Directors Association

Some of the feedback that the Health Council has received from the 2007 Health Directors Forum and the 2007 Interior Health Conference is that:

There is a general need for the Association, and:

The governing structure of the Association may include:

- Elected board from membership
- Formal legal entity
- Open to all First Nations Health Directors
- Non-Profit
- Grassroots membership

The Role of the Association

- Standardize training for Health Directors
- Maintaining competencies for Health Professionals
- Recruitment/Retention
- Knowledge, credentials and standards such as cultural competencies

The Role of the Association

- Establish a Code of ethics
- Information and Knowledge Sharing
- Opportunity to share resources and technology
- Work together as Agents of Change

The Role of the Association

- Political avenue to inform leadership Provide support to Health Directors
- Creating a new relationship and working together to develop new relationships with Provincial and Federal Government
- Provides for a collective voice / collective strength