

FN-EHEALTH FILE

BC FN Telehealth Expansion Project



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Overview:

- The First Nations Telehealth Expansion Project is designed to support the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan and Transformative Change Accord: First Nations Health Plan by:
 - creating an integrated First Nations Telehealth network
 - increasing the capacity of First Nations communities to access clinical health services, and
 - expanding the breath of educational/health promotion and administrative use of video-conferencing in First Nations communities

Tripartite Role:

- The Tripartite partners (Federal & Provincial governments and the FN Health Council) have committed multi-year funding to support the implementation of this project and the development of a FN eHealth Centre of Excellence.
- The Tripartite parties provide input through the Tripartite Strategy Council for First Nations eHealth

Objectives & Benefit

- Achieving an "integrated FN Telehealth network" as identified in the *TCA:FNHP*, and ensuring the Network is managed by First Nations, through the BC FN eHealth CoE

- Building telehealth capacity in both First Nations communities and the eHealth CoE.
- Engaging with First Nations communities and Health Authorities to help ensure First Nations communities receive the clinical Telehealth services they need.

Recent Activities:

Realignment of Scope & Approach of the Telehealth Expansion Project with an objective to "Go Live" in early 2010.

Next Steps:

- Assessing First Nations communities' "clinical encounters" telehealth service needs
- Facilitating development of detailed HA service plans to support FN Telehealth
- Building regional & CoE-based telehealth capacity

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