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NORTHERN FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AND WELLNESS PLANNING COMMITTEE



The Northern First Nations Health and Wellness Planning Committee- January 10th, 2013

On January 10th the Northern First Nations Health and Wellness Planning Committee (NFNHWPC) held its second meeting in Prince George BC. The overall purpose of the Committee: is to collaborate in the planning, implementation, and evaluation of culturally safe and appropriate services for First Nations people residing in the Northern Region.

The session began with an opening prayer offered by Tammy Watson, and followed with a round table of introductions and updates from the Committee members. Warner Adam (FNHC), Lloy Wylie (FNHA), and Dr. Ronald Chapman (NHA) provided an overview of the latest developments within their respective organizations.

The Committee reviewed suggested changes to the NFNHWPC Terms of Reference; the resultant document was adopted with the provision that further work be completed on Dispute Resolution and definitions.

Acting Director of Community Engagement with the FNHA Mark Matthew and NHA Health Researcher Dr. Margo Greenwood presented the draft Regional Health and Wellness Plan. This overarching Framework will assist in guiding the First Nations health and wellness work in the North. The NFNHWPC technical Committee will begin the process of populating the Framework with the work that has already been accomplished to date

In an effort to bring the Northern Partnership into action, the Committee reviewed a draft NFNHWPC Workplan, which listed the deliverables as outlined in the Northern Partnership Accord. Each item was associated with staff from each organization to carry out the work. The Committee agreed to the addition of items that were not listed in the NPA to the Workplan, including the inclusion of a joint Urban Strategy.

Further to the discussion surrounding the Workplan, the group reviewed and provided feedback on five "Approaches for Action" which address specific deliverables listed in the NPA. Specifically discussed were: Cultural Competencies, AHIC/HUB Communications, Workforce Development, Population Health Approach, and Communications.

The NFNHWPC technical team was advised to proceed with the continued development and revisions of the "Approach for Action" with the addition of the priority of Access to Primary Care discussed at the meeting. The NFNHWPC will begin the process of striking various working groups to oversee the continued development of the "Approaches for Action", and assist with populating the Northern Regional Health and Wellness Plan.

The Committee's next meeting date is set for May 09, 2013.