

What are we trying to achieve?

CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITIES

The Anishinabek Nation Health system will be built by the Anishinabek Nation. The First Nations Engagement Sessions are being conducted throughout the Anishinabek Nation territory.

Anishinabek communities will come together to discuss comprehensive system change. It is not about providing more resources or merely tweaking policies, or structures. Health System Transformation is about Anishinabek Nation communities being free to exercise control over the design and delivery of our own health and wellness. This will result in healthier FNs and citizens. No one cares more about our people and the generations to come than we do.

We need a system that:

- respects and reflects traditional approaches to healing, our medicines and our cultural values;
- treats the whole person, not just the illness;
- integrates all services more effectively and efficiently under Indigenous governance;
- has approaches developed with direct input of community members;
- meets community needs as close to home as possible;
- collective effort and collaboration amongst First Nations while respecting individual First Nations autonomy;
- recognizes the differences between self-governance over health and self-administration of health; and
- has flexibility in the system to design and deliver programs to meet community needs

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First Nation Health Care by The People for The People

The journey of transformative change can be challenging - be positive!

HOW DID WE GET TO WHERE WE ARE NOW?

Many First Nations have been advocating for greater control over their health and wellness, consistent with the inherent right to self-determination.

On December 21, 2015, Minister of Health, Dr. Eric Hoskins committed to meaningful engagement with Indigenous partners through parallel bi-lateral processes that, through collaboration, would identify the changes needed.

The Anishinabek Nation began exploring health system models (2016) such as the model recently implemented by the First Nations Health Authority in British Columbia.

Ongoing meetings between the Anishinabek Nation and our Federal and Provincial Health Ministry partners have resulted in the development of a joint Memorandum of Understanding which is expected to be signed in May 2018.

Changes toward creating a better health system

- 1996** Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (RCAP 1996), “starting place for health reform...both levels of government and Aboriginal governments commit to a new system that passes the levers of control to Aboriginal people; a holistic approach to personal and social health; provides diverse services that respond to the cultures and priorities of Aboriginal people; and bring equality in health status to Aboriginal people” (Gathering Strength, Vol 2).
- 2007** United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP 2007). Supports First Nations right to health and self-determination in health. Although not currently legally enforceable, it is a strong advocacy instrument in demanding and protecting Indigenous rights. Article 18 (Decision Making & Process), 19 (Good Faith & FPIC) & 24 (Traditional Medicines and Practices).
- 2015** Truth and Reconciliation Commission Final Report and Calls to Action #18: “Federal, Provincial, Territorial and Aboriginal governments to acknowledge that the current state of Aboriginal health in Canada is a direct result of previous Canadian government policies, including residential schools, and; Recognize and implement the health-care rights of Aboriginal people as identified in international law and constitutional law, and under the Treaties.”

COMMUNITY DRIVEN, DESIGNED FOR US, BY US.

Reaching for higher standards of health for all Anishinabek communities

OBJECTIVES OF HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

Ontario is currently undertaking health system transformation to change and improve Ontario's health system. The 'Patient's First Act' was passed by the Ontario legislature on December, 2016. Since then, implementation activities have been taking place throughout the Province.

The 'Patients First Act', while for all Ontarians, will have a long lasting implications for all First Nation communities. Our focus will be on the development of a health system that supports the needs of Anishinabek communities.



Considerations

- What are the current challenges to having our own health system?
- What are the gaps in our current health services?
- How can health systems and health delivery be enhanced?
- What potential changes are needed regarding relationships and governance for our own health system to work?