The First Nations Health Authority
BC’s new health partnership is an act of reconciliation
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Exercising Governance to build a Tripartite Partnership

Reciprocal accountability: we will work together at all levels in a collaborative manner to achieve our shared goals, living up to our individual and collective commitments.

It means that each Partner is accountable to the others for its actions, and for the effective implementation and operation of their responsibilities and systems, recognizing that our work as Partners is interdependent and interconnected.

It means that we strive not only to live up to one another’s expectations, but strive to exceed them.” (Health Partnership Accord, December 17, 2012)
Our Common Foundation

Our Vision
Healthy, self-determining and vibrant, BC First Nations children, families and communities

Our Values
Respect, Discipline, Relationships, Culture, Excellence & Fairness

Our Directives
1. Community Driven, Nation Based
2. Increase First Nations Decision-Making
3. Improve Services
4. Foster Meaningful Collaboration and Partnerships
5. Develop Human and Economic Capacity
6. Be without Prejudice to First Nations Interests
7. Function at a High Operational Standard

Approach of the FNHA

• “Nothing for us without us”
• FNHA created to advance a holistic First Nations Perspective on Health & Wellness
• Supporting individuals, families, and communities to be self-determining
• Working at all levels of the health system simultaneously
• Develop policy that works for First Nations
• Articulating First Nations views about health and wellness
Cultural Safety and Humility in Health Services for First Nations and Aboriginal People in BC

- Cultural Competency is something that we strive for.

- Cultural Humility is the only way we get there.

- With an open heart and open mind, we can increase the space for Cultural Safety.
FNHA’s vision for Cultural Safety & Humility

The FNHA envisions a future where First Nations people have a new relationship with their care providers.

1. One which is based on mutual respect, understanding and reciprocal accountability.
2. One that provides an understanding of what Health & Wellness means to the First Nations people that are seeking care that we are responsible to provide.
3. One that resets the balance of power between a care provider and the client we are here to serve, clients who deserve respect and have a right to access the best service we are able to deliver.
4. One that provides for a health system that has mechanisms that proactively and effectively addresses appropriate actions and behaviours within the operations of the various health institutions.

And we will know that we’ve achieved cultural safety when the voice of the people receiving our services tells us we have.

FNHA’s approach to Research

With evidence grounded in Indigenous ways of knowing, we work to promote appropriate ways of gathering and sharing knowledge, to support leaders and planners in achieving the highest level of health and wellness among BC First Nations.

DIRECTIVE 1
Community-driven, Nation-based Projects

DIRECTIVE 2
Increase First Nations Decision-making through OCAP®

DIRECTIVE 3
Improving Services through Meaningful and Beneficial Knowledge

DIRECTIVE 4
Meaningful Collaboration that Promotes Best Indigenous Practices

DIRECTIVE 5
Human Capacity through Focus on Wellness and Strength

DIRECTIVE 6
Honouring all Protocols, Agreements, and Rights and Title

DIRECTIVE 7
Transparency, Ethics, Governance, and Cultural Appropriateness
Thank You