

# INDIGENOUS OPIOID RESPONSE GRANTS

## FOUNDATIONS OVERVIEW

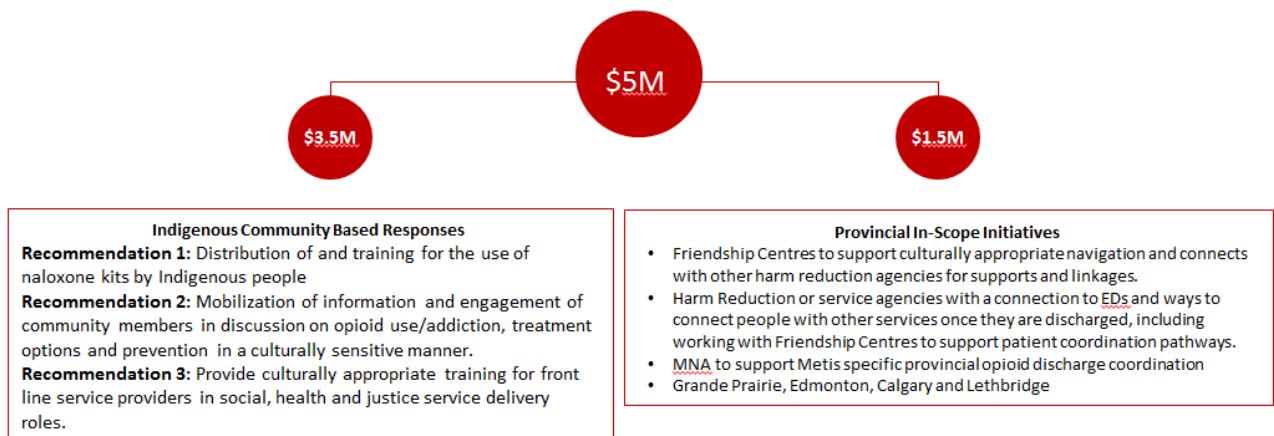
- Alberta has made commitments to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action.
- The Ministry of Health is working to address health disparities and health service improvements for Indigenous Albertans by collaborating with Indigenous organizations, Alberta Health Services, the federal government and other partners.
- Alberta Health is committed to renewing relationships by engaging with Indigenous leadership, communities, and peoples in the design, delivery and stewardship of health services.

## ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW

- Minister Hoffman has highlighted the importance of Nation-to-Nation partnerships, collaboration, and Indigenous stewardship in the design and delivery of services.
- Alberta Health identified an opportunity for greater coordination of Indigenous Health related initiatives. This process is informed by the protocols and processes of Indigenous Organizations and their request for a better integrated and coordinated system of culturally safe engagement, establishment of key contacts within the Department and AHS, and respect of First Nations and Métis self-determination of health priorities and collaboration in co-designed responses.
- The engagement process was guided by the Indigenous Opioids Advisory Committee, guide posts:
  - Community needs-driven and following Nations' protocols
  - First Nations and Metis led initiatives and implementation
  - Discussion around sustainability and partnerships between AH, AHS and FNIHB to leverage resources and support community capacity
  - Strong communications and education strategy on opioids use, prevention, treatment, and resources
  - Culturally safe/appropriate training and services
- Guided by the Minister of Health's process established at the Federal, Provincial and Territories Health Ministers Meeting with Regional Indigenous Organizations, Strategic Policy and Indigenous Health within the Ministry has developed a coordination and engagement process to address priorities identified by the RIOs.
  - Metis Nation of Alberta, Metis Settlements General Council, Confederacy of Treaty 6, Treaty 8 First Nations, Blackfoot Confederacy, and Stoney Nakoda Tsuut'ina Tribal Council.

## OUTCOME

- **15 Community-Based Proposals:** Metis Nation of Alberta, Metis Settlements General Council, Treaty 8 First Nations of Alberta, Confederacy of Treaty 6, Blackfoot Confederacy and Stoney Nakoda Tsuut'ina Tribal Council.
- **5 Provincial In-Scope initiatives:** Metis Nation of Alberta, Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association, ARCHES, HIV North and AHS Indigenous Health Program – Edmonton Indigenous Wellness Clinic and Elbow River Healing Lodge.



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLABORATION

## RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PCN ENGAGEMENT

Alberta Health and Alberta Health Services are working closely to develop greater alignment and coordination to achieve the organizational goals of narrowing the gap and improving health outcomes for Indigenous peoples across the province.

As mechanisms are being developed, the right partners at the table ensure that discussions and planning to move forward are streamlined and targeted. Primary Care Networks are a key partner in achieving this vision of an integrated and coordinated health system that connects Indigenous peoples and communities to needed care and services.

In relation to the Primary Care Opioid Grants, the following recommendations have been provided in relationship to engagement with communities and opportunities for broader engagement and relationship building. Many communities have expressed interest in understanding the role of PCNs and exploring opportunities to engage with PCNs more broadly than opioids.

## RECOMMENDED OPTION

1. AH and AHS RIO Engagement and Coordination Secretariat to support PCN engagement with communities across each zone.
  - AH- Strategic Policy and Indigenous Health (SPIH) and AHS- Indigenous Health Program (IHP) have developed a formalized engagement and coordination process to address the health priorities of Alberta's RIOs. Key contacts within AH-SPIH and AHS-IHP are able to support PCN engagement with communities across the zones.
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2. AMA Indigenous Committee is an optimal resource for networks, connections and guidance on Indigenous health priorities and synergies.
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3. The Valuing Mental Health Integration Committee is an optimal resource for networks, communications and guidance on Indigenous health priorities and synergies.
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