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Evaluation Overview

Evaluation Purpose and Scope

The purpose of the measurement and evaluation activities carried out for this initiative will inform the advancement of the Project activities under the three key priority areas:

- **Urgent Opioid Response** -addressing urgent needs through appropriate distribution of naloxone kits as registered sites of the Provincial Naloxone Program, and increased provision of OAT within primary care settings;
- **Enhanced Provider Decision Support, Knowledge Translation and Education** - changing current practice within primary care clinics and PCNs to better care for individuals using opioids; and
- **Enhanced Opioid Related Service Delivery through PCN Zone Committee Engagement, Planning & Implementation** - developing new integrated service delivery models coordinated with partners including Alberta Health Services (AHS) addiction and mental health services and community services.

To advance this work, a Senior Evaluation Consultant will be hired (est. late June 2018) to lead the evaluation. In addition, a provincial Evaluation Advisory Committee (EAC) will be struck to ensure completion of high quality products supporting the key deliverables to the grant funder (Alberta Health) in timely ways that furthers knowledge about advancing an opioid response in primary health care. In addition, a robust knowledge sharing plan will be created to communicate important learnings collected through the evaluation with interested groups.

Evaluation grant deliverables include an evaluation framework, including a logic model, and two reports (interim and final). All evaluation activities will be designed to align with other opioid initiatives recommended by the Minister's Opioid Emergency Response Commission

The EAC will be accountable to the Steering Committee. The Applied Research & Evaluation Services division of the (provincial) Primary Health Care program at AHS is responsible for timely submission of key deliverables.

Alignment of Work and Measures

Provincial measurement and evaluation activities will also ensure alignment of measurement and evaluation work at appropriate levels: macro (provincial); meso (zone) and micro (PCN/clinic) as appropriate. It is anticipated that working groups will be struck once the EAC becomes established to understand what PCN Zone Committees have established as their key measures and indicators of success and to establish feedback cycles to the provincial evaluation.

Contextual Considerations for Evaluation Activities

1. Primary care in Alberta is in the midst of change and the PCN Zone Committees are advancing new ways of working. Advancing work in for this grant may be intersecting other evaluation activities happening for other work and situations that allow for a “win-win” will be sought whenever possible.
2. A responsive collaborative engagement approach will be cultivated to ensure the evaluation produces informative, timely and meaningful reports to grant stakeholders.
3. The principles the grant stakeholders are developing through the grant planning work will also be foundational to the evaluation.
4. Provincial and administrative data sources will be explored to reduce primary data collection.
5. A person-centred care approach will be informing work at the planning and operational levels.

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