

Wisdom Council 3-year Commitments (2021-2024)

AHS Indigenous Health Strategy	<p>The Wisdom Council will receive an annual update and overview of progress in relation to the AHS Indigenous Health Commitments: Roadmap to Wellness. The Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provide ongoing advice and guidance on next steps in the Indigenous Health Commitments: Roadmap to Wellness; • make recommendations for changes or additions to the roadmap for implementation by AHS' Indigenous Health. • provide highlights of achievements in order to celebrate success
Communication	<p>The Wisdom Council has identified that language barriers frequently create unique challenges in understanding for many Indigenous People who seek or receive medical care and treatment in AHS facilities. Therefore, the Wisdom Council commits to supporting AHS to support action and an implementation plan that improves communication and way finding across AHS.</p>
Cultural Safety and Protocols	<p>The Wisdom Council acknowledges the efforts AHS has made and the initiatives it has implemented to improve cultural safety across the province. The Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • continue to provide recommendations and support to AHS on cultural safety initiatives including policy, training and education, protocols, traditional medicines, etc. • recommend and assist AHS sites in developing signage and processes to ensure cultural helpers are easily accessible and readily available for patients and families. • share information with key groups within Indigenous communities (including but not limited to First Nations, Metis and Inuit in order to further build awareness and understanding of AHS initiatives such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the availability of cultural helpers in many AHS facilities, and ○ the new AHS language page featuring basic health information in both Cree and Blackfoot languages.
Relationship Building	<p>Recognizing the importance of building trust and relationships between Indigenous Peoples and AHS, the Wisdom Council commits to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • support better understanding of the health care system and of Indigenous Peoples by providing guidance and advice to the Indigenous Wellness Core; and • partner with families, communities, education providers and others to improve health literacy as appropriate; and • to be a body to affirm that AHS initiatives, programs and services are positioned to meet the needs of Indigenous communities.