

Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action



What are the implications for the public health sector in Ontario?

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Public Health and the **TRC Response**

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How is Public Health **Engaged?**

- Local public health agencies are engaging with indigenous partners to develop local strategies
- Public Health Planning and Liaison office of the Population and Public Health branch is facilitating dialogue
- Trilateral First Nations Health Senior Officials Committee (TFNHSOC) provides the interface with three partners: Federal, FN and Province
- Public Health Working Group co-chaired by Elizabeth Walker and Linda Ogilvie (COO)

The Public Health Working Group

- Created in 2012
- Focus of work is on both system and local level changes/improvements to facilitate better coordination of public health service delivery for FN communities
- One size does not fit all
- Two pilots for northern remote FN communities: Weeneebayko Area Health Authority(WAHA) and Sioux Lookout FN Health Authority (SLFNHA)

Cultural Competency Modules

- The most important goal is to provide an occasion and vehicle to build relationships with FN leadership on PH issues
- COO is leading this work
- Online modules with a relationship building component
- Recent pilot with Fort Williams and Thunder Bay identified gaps that are being addressed

Review of the **OPHS**

- The Public Health Working Group has spent some preliminary time discussing whether there may be some ways to strengthen and clarify the OPHS mandate to boards of health
- Process to include the engagement of indigenous leadership
- PHWG will facilitate

Peterborough Public Health

- Board of Health has established a First Nations committee, led by FN board members
- Urban indigenous leaders have been invited to join
- Provide a forum for FN partners
- Advise the board on how to strengthen relationships and become a better ally
- Oversee local response to TRC Calls to Action