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## NORTHERN FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AND WELLNESS PLANNING COMMITTEE



*The Northern First Nations Health and Wellness Planning Committee- January 10<sup>th</sup> , 2013*

On January 10<sup>th</sup> the Northern First Nations Health and Wellness Planning Committee(NFNHWPC) held its second meeting in Prince George B.C. The overall purpose of the Committee is to implement the relationship outlined in the Northern Partnership Accord and collaboratively develop a *Northern First Nations Health and Wellness Plan*.

The session began with an opening prayer offered by Tammy Watson, and followed with a round table of introductions and updates from the committee members. Warner Adam (FNHC), Lloy Wylie (FNHA) and Dr. Ronald Chapman (NHA) provided an overview of the latest developments within their respective organizations.

The committee reviewed suggested changes to the NFNHWPC Terms of Reference, and developed a document reflective of the committees commitment to collaboratively move forward with improving health in Northern B.C. The resultant document was adopted with the provision that further work be completed on Dispute Resolution and definitions.

Mark Matthew and Dr. Margo Greenwood presented the draft Regional Health and Wellness Plan, this overarching framework will assist in guiding the work in the North.

In an effort to bring the Northern Partnership into Action, the committee reviewed a draft NFNHWPC workplan, which listed the deliverables as outlined in the Northern Partnership Accord. Each item was associated with staff from each organization to carry out the work. The committee agreed to the addition of additional items, that were not listed in the NPA, to the workplan, including the inclusion of an joint Urban Strategy.

Further to the discussion surrounding the workplan, the group reviewed 5 plans for action which address specific deliverables listed in the NPA. Specifically discussed were: Cultural competencies, AHIC/HUB Communications, Workforce development, Population Health Approach and Communications. Each workplan was discussed and suggestions documented. The technical team will continue to support the ongoing work of developing the frameworks listed within the workplan and potentially assist with the creation of various adhoc committees to oversee this work.