7 DIRECTIVES

DIRECTIVE 1
Community-Driven, Nation-Based

DIRECTIVE 2
Increase First Nations Decision-Making and Control

DIRECTIVE 3
Improve Services

DIRECTIVE 4
Foster Meaningful Collaboration and Partnership

DIRECTIVE 5
Develop Human and Economic Capacity

DIRECTIVE 6
Be Without Prejudice to First Nations Interests

DIRECTIVE 7
Function at a High Operational Standard

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First Nations Health Governance Structure in BC

The First Nations Health Governance Structure in British Columbia includes four components:

**The First Nations Health Authority (FNHA):** responsible for planning, management, service delivery and funding of health programs previously provided by Health Canada's First Nations Inuit Health Branch Pacific Region.

**The First Nations Health Council (FNHC):** advocates for First Nations health and wellness priorities, supports health systems transformation and builds partnerships to make progress on the social determinants of health.

**The First Nations Health Directors Association (FNHDA):** composed of Health Directors and managers working in First Nations communities. Supports professional development for Health Directors and managers. Acts as a technical advisory body to the FNHC and FNHA on research, policy, program planning and design as well as the implementation of the Health Plans.

FNHA Members appoint FNHA Board of Directors, considering nominations from Regional Caucuses. First Nations Health Directors appoint the FNHDA Board of Directors. TCFNH is the forum for reciprocal accountability and joint reporting. Regional Caucuses appoint FNHC and FNHA Members.

The Tripartite Committee on First Nations Health (TCFNH): the forum for coordinating and aligning programming and planning efforts between the FNHA, BC Regional and Provincial Health Authorities, BC Ministry of Health and Health Canada Partners.

First Nations Perspective on Health and Wellness

The First Nations Perspective on Health and Wellness was developed based on the guidance and traditional teachings of BC First Nations. It aims to create a shared understanding of a holistic vision of wellness and meet individuals where they are in their lives and wellness journeys.

First Nations traditional social systems were founded on the concept of reciprocal accountability – that all members of the community were accountable for their decisions and actions and for their contributions to the community’s wellness as a whole. These ancestral teachings provide the foundation for our definition and processes for reciprocal accountability.

First Nations in BC collectively own the First Nations health governance structure and are together responsible for resolving concerns and issues, making key decisions and celebrating successes.

The below “Engagement and Approvals Pathway” begins in the centre of the diagram and is the process by which input, guidance and consensus is built for key decisions within the Health Governance Structure.

**BC First Nations Health Regions**

- **FRASER SALISH**
- **NORTH**
- **INTERIOR**
- **VANCOUVER COASTAL**
- **VANCOUVER ISLAND**