

First Nations Health Authority Health through wellness

First Nations Telehealth Expansion Project Overview, Project Updates and Live Demo

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What is Telehealth?

"Access to health and wellness services at a distance using technology"

Some examples:

- Wound care
- Primary Care



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Another example:

Pre and Post Surgical Consults





FN Telehealth Expansion Project Overview

First Nations Telehealth Expansion Project will deliver on Action Item #23 of The Transformative Change Accord: First Nations Health Plan.

Improve First Nations access to timely clinical, wellness and educational services, in areas such as:

- Mental health and addictions;
- Maternal health;
- Diabetes/chronic disease management and prevention; and
- HIV/AIDS (clinical, mental health and wellness services)

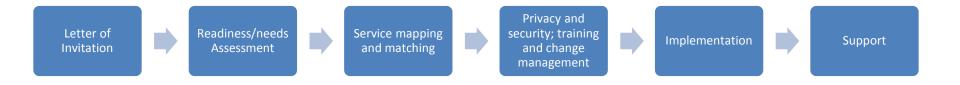


FN Telehealth Expansion Project Overview

- Decrease the burden of travel for members of First Nations communities and health care providers and to increase access to health/wellness services and programs
- Work with First Nations Health Organizations (FNHSOs) to appropriately match telehealth services based on need
- Build community capacity and foster strong working relationships between First Nations communities and service providers
- Work with partners to provide the support mechanisms to build a sustainable telehealth program (e.g. service desk, scheduling, bridging)



Community Engagement Process





Readiness/Needs Assessment Process

Outcome of the Needs Assessment

- Analysis of information
- Determining which communities can move forward in the short, medium and long term
- Determine how best to support each community
- Map the telehealth services to appropriate and available health/wellness service providers
- Planning for implementation (technical, clinical, operational planning)



Project Updates

- Official kick-off: September 10, 2013
- Establishing Advisory Committee and working groups
- Invitations sent to all communities
- Planning for fall engagements
- Hiring staff to build project team

Live Demonstration





Questions and Comments

Thank you for your time!

