



# Vancouver Coastal Regional Caucus

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# Purpose:

- To provide a brief update on Aboriginal Health @ VCH
- Introduce my new role at VCH
- Provide an overview of what to expect from us next



# Brief Update:

- VCH is restructuring Aboriginal Health
- A commitment of their Aboriginal Cultural Competency Policy (eff July 2015)
- Objective is to restructure to align the positions on the team with the priorities of the region & the partnership



# The policy statement:

The policy aims to guide VCH to become a more Aboriginal culturally competent organization by strengthening Aboriginal leadership in health care; ensuring welcoming, inclusive, and respectful environments; and facilitating inclusion of traditional practices, practitioners, and medicines into patient care.



# The policy statement:

The policy aligns with VCH's True North Goals and will assist VCH to:

- Reduce barriers to an improve quality of services for First Nations and Aboriginal people
- Improve First Nations and Aboriginal peoples experiences within VCH's system of care
- Provide consistency in building VCHs capacity and competency to meet the needs of First Nations and Aboriginal people



# New role at VCH:

- Executive Advisor on Aboriginal Health to the Senior Executive team and leadership in VCH
- Lead & develop the team to work in partnership in the region with the FNHA team
- “hardwire” Aboriginal health into VCH
- Help them to achieve success with their policy statement



# What to expect next:

- New levels of engagement; deeper relationship development that is meaningful, authentic & reciprocal
- “spread” – shared responsibility
- “communication” – do what you say; and say what you do
- Intentional actions; aligning our resources to the outcomes we have committed to

# What to expect next:

- Recommitted partnership; co-development of the refreshed Partnership Accord
- Working with Pamela and team on all JPB implementations and their continued success
- Addressing the “hot spots” – working with local leadership to address the complaints of our population at certain locations





# Health Priorities:

- NPs in communities; support & implementation
- JPB projects; implementation & support
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation project; inclusion & cultural safety
- Youth Suicide & Mental Wellness; mobilizing resources and teams
- AHIP – intentional investments; aligning with our priorities



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Questions & Suggestions??

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