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First Nations
Health Council

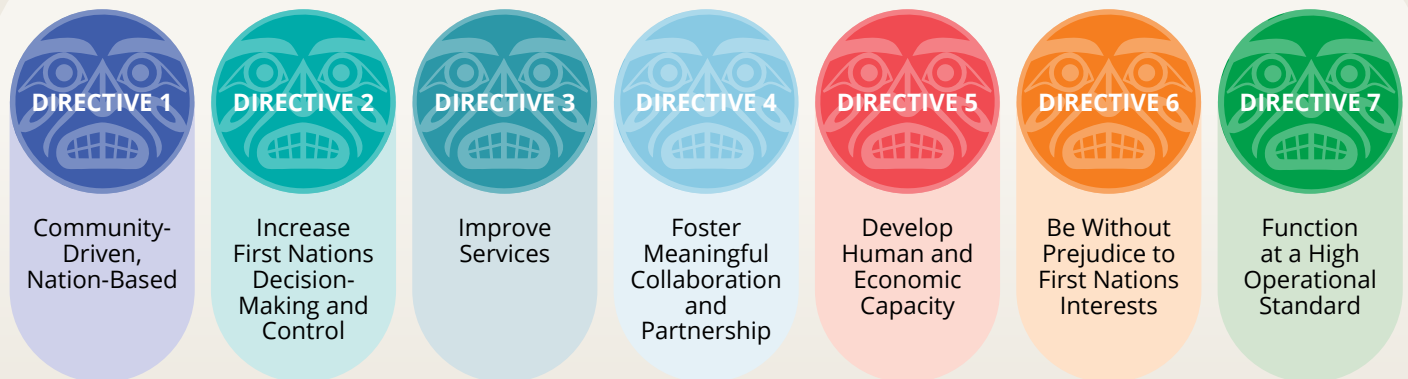
Transforming healthcare for First Nations people in BC

Who we are

The First Nations Health Council (FNHC) is part of a unique health governance structure that includes the First Nations Health Authority (FNHA) and the First Nations Health Directors Association (FNHDA). Collectively, this First Nations health governance structure works to improve the health outcomes of First Nations people in BC. The FNHC provides dedicated political leadership and advocacy to support the group's shared vision.

The health governance structure is guided by the 7 Directives, the first of which is "Community-Driven, Nation-Based," meaning that First Nations communities lead the development of health programs and services through meaningful engagement and collaboration.

7 Directives of the BC First Nations Health Governance Relationship



Our history

For over a decade, the FNHC has been steering the transformation of health and wellness of our people. Our journey began in 2007 following the signing of a series of agreements between BC First Nations, the Province of BC and the Government of Canada to address health disparities between First Nations and other BC residents.

The FNHC oversaw the transition to a new First Nations Health Authority, which assumed responsibility for the design and delivery of health programs and services for BC First Nations in 2013.

In 2010, the FNHC was reformed to a regional model to continue the work of transforming healthcare, including holding partners accountable for their agreements to improve First Nations health and wellness.

OUR VISION

The FNHC and its pillar partners at the FNHA and FNHDA hold a shared vision of
**Healthy, Self-Determining and Vibrant BC First Nations
Children, Families, and Communities.**

Our structure

The FNHC is regionally-driven by a 15-person Council, with three representatives from each of the five health regions: Interior, Northern, Vancouver Coastal, Fraser Salish, and Vancouver Island in BC. Each region determines its own selection process, including the length of term and appointment procedures for representatives.

Working toward health transformation

Our work is grounded in the First Nations perspective on health and wellness. A holistic vision — encompassing the emotional, physical, mental and spiritual aspects of life. The FNHC is providing leadership and advocacy for BC First Nations in continuing to transform healthcare, including making progress on the social determinants of health. In 2018, the FNHC signed a Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding with the Province of BC and the Government of Canada that secured \$30 million in funding to support Nations and aggregations of BC First Nations to plan and deliver mental health and wellness services. The FNHC also separately secured \$60 million in funding from our partners to repair, build and improve treatment centre infrastructure in BC.

At Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey XII in 2023, Chiefs and leaders endorsed the FNHC's new **10-Year Strategy** on the Social Determinants of Health. The 10-Year Strategy is a framework for the future to bring health care decision-making closer to home and stand up First Nations culture and traditions in health and wellness.

Visit [FNHC.ca](https://fnhc.ca) and [Gathering-Wisdom.ca](https://gatheringwisdom.ca) for more information on the FNHC and details of the 10-Year Strategy.

FNHC SECURED FUNDING SINCE 2018



**\$30
MILLION**
for mental health
and wellness
programs



**\$60
MILLION**
for treatment centre
infrastructure

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