

# Indigenous Health Program- Our most valuable resource ~Vision 2020~



# Territorial acknowledgement

***“We (I) would like to acknowledge that we are gathered today on Treaty 6 Territory and the Metis Nation of Alberta Region 4 - this is their/our traditional meeting place and home for many Indigenous peoples including the Cree (“Cree”), Anishinabe (Ah-nish-in-ah-BAY), Blackfoot, Stoney Nakota (“Stoh-knee Na-ko-ta”), Dene (“Den-nay”), Inuit (“In-yoo-it”) and the Métis (“May-TEE”) peoples.*”**



# Wisdom Council

- Provincial Advisory Council that reports directly to AHS CEO
- Currently there are 20 Wisdom Council members
  - 8 of which are a part of the Elder's circle
- Membership consists of a mixed representation across Alberta
  - Includes, First Nation, Metis and Inuit representation
  - Elder, Youth and Health professional
  - Urban, Rural, On-Off Reserve and settlements
  - North, Edmonton, Central, Calgary and South Zones
- Membership is based on a 3 year team, renewal of term can be made up to a maximum 2 years, with Elder representation to be reviewed through traditional lens



# ARP- Indigenous Physicians

Primary Care Access - Indigenous Wellness Program – Clinical Alternate Relationship Plan (ARP) ending March 31, 2019 is 18.24 Full Time Equivalentents (FTES)

Including 41 physicians: 33 General Practitioners, 2 Endocrinologists, 1 Internal Medicine, 2 Obstetrician-gynecologists, 2 Pediatricians & 1 Psychiatrist

Physicians are located at the following sites:

Indigenous Wellness Clinic and Poundmakers Lodge, Edmonton.

Elbow River Healing Lodge, Calgary.

Fort Chipewyan (serving Mikisew Cree Nation, Athabasca Chipewyan First Nation, the Metis & Non-Indigenous), Saddle Lake First Nation, Alexander First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, Maskwacis (serving Erminskin Cree Nation, Louis Bull Tribe, Montana First Nation & Samson Cree Nation), O'Chiese First Nation, Sunchild First Nation, Bighorn, Morley, Eden Valley and Blood Tribe.

- Patient visits including direct and indirect care are 56,071.
- Unattended appointments at 25.5 %, due to no-shows, cancellations and re-bookings.

# Supports available to Indigenous patients (seniors/Elders) who attend the Indigenous Wellness clinic

- Mental health and Addictions cultural Helper
- Indigenous Health Coordinator
- Indigenous Cultural Helpers ( First Nation, Metis and Inuit) – most speak their traditional language and practice their culture
- Dietician- who worked ten years in a mobile capacity in communities in northern Alberta.
- Physiotherapist
- Physicians, RNs, LPNs and Administrative Support who are either Indigenous or they have spent a tremendous amount of time in Indigenous communities.

# IHP Integrated Planning

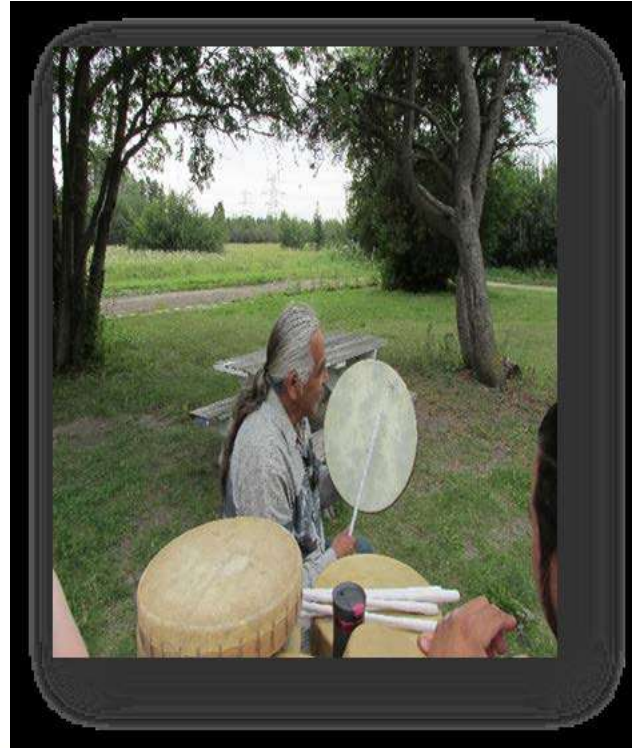
## Internal

- AHS Indigenous Health Strategy
- South Zone Indigenous Health Action Plan
- Calgary Zone Indigenous Action Plan
- PPIH Pulling Together planning
- SCN Core committee
- IHP program review *(early planning phase)*
- Wisdom Council guidance

## External Stakeholders

- IHP/AH Monthly Meetings *(Technicians)*
- IHP/AH Quarterly Meetings *(Leadership)*
- IHP/Indigenous Services Canada Bi-monthly working sessions *(service delivery focused)*
- Indigenous community meetings *(Leadership and Technician meetings as per request by community)*
- Alberta Medical Association (AMA) Indigenous Committee *(quarterly)*

# Aging well: providing opportunity to practice traditional forms of practices: Music Therapy, medicine picking & sweats





**IHP Moving Forward:  
Increased Provincial  
standardization,  
strategic planning  
and alignment with  
all partners**

