



ATLANTIC POLICY CONGRESS
OF FIRST NATIONS CHIEFS SECRETARIAT

Health

All Chief's and Councils Assembly

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Core Work of APC Health

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Activity	Current Major Work Areas	Main Work Allocation
Health Director's	Organizing 3 Health Director's meetings per year Information Gathering and Exchange / Professional Development	CG, LE, WP, AP, JS
AHHRI	Regional coordination of health human resources initiatives including competency training of Aboriginal health professionals and various activities that focus on promoting health careers to Aboriginal students.	WP, AJ, JS
MMAHB	Organizing sub-committee meetings, Pre-MMAHB, Co-Chairs, Health Tech and MMAHB meetings	CG, LE, WP, AP
	Gathering and analyzing information that align with the priorities identified at the MMAHB meetings	LE, AP
HSIF Projects	Link and advise the projects in Atlantic Region	LE, AP
Health Conference	Organize annual health conference	All staff
NIHB Navigator	Advocate on behalf of people/communities requesting assistance with NIHB	PR, AP

Recent MMAHB Meetings

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- **MMAHB Sub-committees met August / September 2011**
 - ✦ Primary Health Care / Public Health : August 30-31, 2011
 - ✦ Wellness : September 7-8, 2011
 - ✦ Child and Youth: September 12-13, 2011
- **MMAHB met September 21-22, 2011. Agenda topics included:**
 - ✦ MMAHB Co-Management
 - ✦ Housing and Infrastructure
 - ✦ Update on Chiefs Health Priorities
 - ✦ FNIH Atlantic Strategic Planning
 - ✦ FNIH National Strategic Planning
 - ✦ Upcoming Truth and Reconciliation Events

Health Directors

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- Met on September 14-15, 2011 in Membertou.
- Agenda Items included:
 - ✦ MMAHB Co-Management
 - ✦ Health Directors Capacity Assessment Survey
 - ✦ FNIH Atlantic Strategic Planning
 - ✦ Public Health Information Systems (PHIS)
 - ✦ First Nations Health Managers Association
 - ✦ Traditional Use of Tobacco Study
- Next meeting January 11-12, 2012 in Moncton

Aboriginal Health Human Resource Initiative (AHHRI)

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- Actua Summer Camps
- Health Directors / Community Based Workers Capacity Survey and Training
- Work with the Mi'kmaq Maliseet Atlantic Youth Council (MMAYC)
- International Aboriginal Youth Internships Initiative (IAYI) Atlantic Council for International Cooperation (ACIC)
- Health Career Promotion
 - ✦ Development of promotional materials
- Post-Secondary Institutions Projects with
 - ✦ St. FX University / University of New Brunswick / Dalhousie

Atlantic First Nations Health Conference 2011

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- Theme: *Atlantic First Nations Health: Walking the Path to Wellness*
- Date: November 14-16, 2011 at the Dartmouth Holiday Inn, Nova Scotia
- Workshops:
 - ✦ Based on the Chiefs 4 Health Priorities (mental health, addictions, elder care and investing in children and youth)
- Highlights:
 - ✦ Michelle Kinney Deputy Minister of Health and Wellness, Nunatsiavut
 - ✦ Plenary Session on provincial mental health services
 - ✦ Closing speaker: National Chief Shawn Atleo

Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB)

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- Community Visits throughout the fall:
 - ✦ a variety of issues;
 - ✦ main issues remain diabetic medications, medical supplies and dental/orthodontics.
- Developed a report

NIHB Navigator Data Fiscal Year 2010/2011						
	Number of Calls	Cases Opened	Cases Closed	Resolved in Clients Favour (Y/N)	Time Required for Completion of Case	Notes on the Case
Pharmacy/Prescriptions						
	180	10	170	Y	1-2 days	Prescriptions denied are the top issue we deal with on a daily basis. Generally we have great success with this as they usually require additional paper work and some appeals. We have gone to the second level of appeal on a few of them, but usually with a positive outcome or an acceptable alternative.

Minister of Health Visit

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- August 15 Minister of Health, Leona Aglukkaq
- APC Co-chairs discussed the following topics:
 - ✦ Concern over potential cuts to medical services (NIHB)
 - ✦ Concern over lack of funding increases for programmes and services
 - ✦ Health Indicators and Data Collection
 - ✦ Working together to achieve positive health outcomes

Health Staff

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- Loraine Etter, Health Policy Analyst
- Wanda Paul, Administrative Assistant
- Chelsea Googoo-Brown, MMAHB Coordinator
- Paula Robinson, NIHB Navigator
- Ashley Julian, Youth Coordinator
- John Sylliboy, AHHRI Coordinator
- Amanda Peters, Senior Policy Analyst, Health

Future @ APC Health

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- Projects were working on:
 - ✦ Tri-HAC meeting in December
 - ✦ The possibilities of having EMRs in First Nations communities
 - ✦ The possibilities of Streamlining Reporting Requirements
 - ✦ MMAHB Co-management Research with FNIH

In your packages

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- Briefing Note on Important Health Issues APC Health is addressing through various forums.
- Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Navigator Annual Report 2010-2011
- Atlantic First Nations Health Conference Information Packages includes:
 - ✦ Registration form
 - ✦ Honouring Our People Awards Nomination Forms
 - ✦ Also available on the APC website www.acpfnc.ca under Health / Reports and Documents