

# **Northern Collaborative Working Team**

## ***Primary Care Conference Presentation***

November 29, 2024

# Land Acknowledgement

*The northern planning teams acknowledge that we are situated on Treaty 5, 6, and 10 Territory and that Manitoba is located on the National Homeland of The Red River Métis, and the traditional and ancestral lands of the Anishinaabeg, Anisininew, Denesuline, Nehethowuk, Ininiwak, Nêhiyawak Nations. We respect waters, land, histories, language and cultures of First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose presence enriches Canadian society.*

*We respect and acknowledge that we are all connected through the Spirit and Intent of Treaties and Treaty Making and remain committed to working in collaboration and partnership that will encompass equity, justice, truth and reconciliation. The term “Indigenous” means First Nations, Métis, and Inuit inclusively. We acknowledge the unique status of Indigenous Peoples in Manitoba and Canada. We aim to move forward in the spirit of reconciliation, as guided by the treaties and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.*

# Introduction

- ❖ An historical table representing partners from across the Northern region
- ❖ \$115M allocated to plan for Northern capital through this table in 2022
- ❖ Funding formally withdrawn in August 2024

## NCWT Goal

*Provide guidance for healthcare planning of Northern communities with a focus on breaking down Indigenous-specific racism and colonial structures that impact health care.*

- ❖ Ensure healthcare models reflect Northern communities' unique needs.
- ❖ Break down systemic barriers impacting Indigenous healthcare.
- ❖ Foster inclusive, culturally relevant healthcare practices.
- ❖ Create sustainable healthcare initiatives through local partnerships.
- ❖ Prioritize community-centric planning for health equity.

# Critical Success Factors

*Key factors that will determine the success of initiatives that involve the North*

- ❖ **Early Engagement:** Collaborate with NCWT from program inception to align with Northern needs.
- ❖ **Cultural Integration:** Respect and integrate Traditional Healing practices and Healers.
- ❖ **Innovative Models:** Use integrated teams to include Northern experts in planning.
- ❖ **Data-Driven Planning:** Collect and analyze data to shape sustainable healthcare models.
- ❖ **Collaborative Partnerships:** Build relationships across all levels for program success.

# Lessons Learned

*Insights gained from working with Northern communities*

- ❖ **Community-Centric Models:** Involve Northern experts in planning stages to ensure alignment.
- ❖ **Culturally Informed Care:** Integrate Indigenous principles to create welcoming spaces.
- ❖ **System-Wide Collaboration:** Success requires dedication across all planning levels.
- ❖ **Long-Term Commitment:** Consistent engagement is vital to build trust and effectiveness.
- ❖ **Flexibility in Approaches:** Adapt strategies based on community feedback and evolving needs.

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