



# CANADIAN NETWORK FOR HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES (CNHiAP) RÉSEAU CANADIEN SUR LA SANTÉ DANS TOUTES LES POLITIQUES (RCSDTP)

## MANDATE

### Internal document

**VISION:** Actors from all sectors of society in every jurisdiction in Canada are working collaboratively on public policies to improve population health and health equity.

**GOAL:** The goal of the CNHiAP is to facilitate, through knowledge mobilization, the uptake and implementation of Health in All Policies (HiAP) approaches in Canada.

### OBJECTIVES

1. To expand knowledge about HiAP implementation in Canada
2. To facilitate partnerships between public health actors working on, or interested in, HiAP
3. To support capacity building for HiAP among public health actors in Canada
4. To work with First Nations, Inuit and Métis partners towards developing HiAP approaches that recognize and incorporate their ways of knowing and governing

### STREAMS

To achieve these overarching objectives, the Network's activities will be developed around four streams, including one cross-cutting stream. With the exclusion of the cross-cutting one, each stream builds on the previous one, allowing the streams to be developed in progressive stages over the first few years of the Network.

Each stream comprises a wide range of possible activities, so prioritization exercises will be carried out continuously to identify key activities that are within the Network's capacity to implement.

#### **Stream 1: Identifying, documenting and disseminating HiAP initiatives in Canada.**

Within this stream, activities will focus on producing an overview of the state of HiAP implementation in Canada by identifying who is doing what, where, and how with regards to HiAP. This work will also allow the Network to start connecting actors already working in, or interested in working in, HiAP.

Identifying initiatives will require clarifying and articulating concepts associated with HiAP. An initial working definition should be established to launch the identification process, which should in turn inform conceptual developments in an iterative process. This definition should allow for the inclusion of initiatives following the principles of HiAP, but not necessarily meeting all of its technical requirements, as well as initiatives based on First Nations, Inuit, and Métis ways of knowing and governing.

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## **Stream 2: Creating a space for partnership development among actors working in or interested in HiAP.**

Activities within this stream will focus on creating a safe space where public health actors and their partners working in or interested in HiAP can “meet” to identify synergies and develop partnerships that can lead to co-learning and troubleshooting on specific projects.

Activities within this stream should be based on participants’ experiences, respond to their learning needs and encourage peer-learning. Since an important aim of work in this area is to facilitate the collaborative construction of knowledge, respectful partnerships with First Nations, Inuit and Métis governments and/or organizations should be based on cultural humility and cultural sensitivity.

## **Stream 3: Supporting access to and use of resources and knowledge development applicable to HiAP.**

This stream will focus on facilitating access to and use of publications, videos, training materials and practical tools applicable to HiAP, as well as resources for learning more about HiAP or HiAP-related forms of knowledge and approaches relevant to First Nations, Inuit, and Métis.

Activities in streams one and two will support the identification of the needs of public health actors in Canada working in or interested in HiAP. This will, in turn, guide the mobilization of resources and knowledge. Through stream three, the Network will also facilitate knowledge development by forming links between the needs of knowledge users and the capacity of knowledge-brokering organizations and researchers.

## **Stream 4 (cross-cutting): Exploring the best approach or approaches to ensuring that the Network’s activities are appropriate, respectful, and relevant for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis governments and organizations.**

This is a cross-cutting stream that intersects with the other three streams. It will focus on working with First Nations, Inuit and Métis partners on HiAP approaches that are appropriate, respectful, and relevant for their governments and organizations.

Activities within this stream must respect the principle of self-determination, be based on a distinctions-based approach, and seek to work with and learn from First Nations, Inuit, and Métis experiences and approaches to health and wellness.

### **SCOPE OF WORK**

The Network aims to work with all jurisdictional levels of government and with First Nations, Inuit and Métis governments/organizations in Canada.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The Network’s membership will be initially composed of public health actors working in or interested in working in HiAP from different jurisdictions in Canada, First Nations, Inuit and Métis governments or organizations, and academic researchers conducting HiAP or HiAP-related research.

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### *Intersectoral partners*

Although the initial membership will be composed of public health actors, the Network will also involve **intersectoral partners**. The intersectoral partners will be invited to participate in and provide advice on the development of relevant activities organized by the Network. The Network could evolve later into a multisectoral membership if the capacity to support such a membership is developed and there is interest from partners in becoming members.

### *Recruitment*

Membership recruitment will be by invitation only at the beginning, to evolve potentially into an open recruitment process, through which interested actors could apply for membership.

### *Criteria for membership recruitment*

Members:

- Can come from governments (FPT, local, regional), First Nations, Inuit and Métis governments and organizations, academia and non-governmental organizations
- Are working in or interested in HiAP or HiAP-inspired approaches
- Are able to actively contribute to the activities of the Network (time, in-kind support, etc.)
- Membership can be individual or organizational/institutional.

## **GOVERNANCE**

### **Host organization**

The Network will be hosted by the National Collaborating Centre for Healthy Public Policy (NCCHPP). The Network's objectives are aligned with the Centre's expertise in developing, synthesizing and sharing knowledge and with its mandate, which includes fostering the development of networks connecting public health professionals, researchers and policy makers across Canada.

The following governance structure will support the Network:

### **Steering Committee**

The Network will be guided by a Steering Committee, which will provide strategic direction for its activities. Its mandate will be defined by specific terms of reference.

### *Composition*

The Committee should be composed of ten to twelve members and its composition should be representative of the membership. The Committee can include up to two members from sectors other than public health, strategically invited to provide a non-public-health perspective on multisectoral work.

### *Frequency of meetings*

The Steering Committee will meet three to four times a year, depending on needs.

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**Chairperson and Co-chair:**

The Network will be presided over by a NCCHPP Chair and a member Co-Chair. The Chairs will provide leadership to the Steering Committee and coordinate its work.

**Committees/working groups**

Implementation of the Network's specific projects will be led by committees or working groups. Their role will be to support the implementation of the work plan approved by the Steering Committee, to which they will be accountable.

**Secretariat**

Hosted by the NCCHPP, the Secretariat will support the Chairs and the Steering Committee and the committees/working groups, ensure communication between members and the Steering Committee and among members, and coordinate Network activities and projects. Its scope of work will be defined by specific terms of reference.

**LANGUAGE OF WORK**

The CNHiAP will be a bilingual Network. All official documents and activities will be available in French and English.

**MANDATE REVIEW**

This mandate will be reviewed at least every two years by the Steering Committee.

**Date: June 21, 2023.**