
Aboriginal Health Transition Fund (AHTF)

Presentation to Quebec First Nations

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Overview of AHTF

- The long term objectives of AHTF are:
 - Improved integration of F/P/T funded health services to better meet the needs of all Aboriginal peoples;
 - Improved access to health services;
 - Health programs and services that are better-suited to Aboriginal peoples; and
 - Increased participation of Aboriginal peoples by involving them more fully in the design, delivery and evaluation of health programs and services.

- Proposal based funding for projects across three funding envelopes (Adaptation, Integration, and Pan-Canadian)

- Regionally implemented and monitored

Overview across AHTF envelopes

- **Total of over 235 projects**
 - **Integration**
 - 135 integration projects approved
 - **Adaptation**
 - 11 adaptation approved, 89 associated projects
 - **Pan-Canadian**
 - AFN plan and 9 projects approved
 - ITK plan and 6 projects approved
- **Most projects have started in 2008**

AHTF projects range in scope, focus and complexity

- All projects meet AHTF criteria and contribute to objectives of AHTF
- Systems change/innovation vs. specific program areas
- Projects vary in size
- Different types of activities are funded – different ways of clustering
- Projects involve multiple partners

Initial themes: Integration

Integration

- Governance, relationships and accountability
- Integrated health services
- Health information management
- Public health
- Integration opportunity identification

Initial Themes: Adaptation

Adaptation

- Navigation
- Governance structures
- Protocols
- Relationship building
- Cultural sensitivity in health services
- Mental health
- Knowledge and information sharing

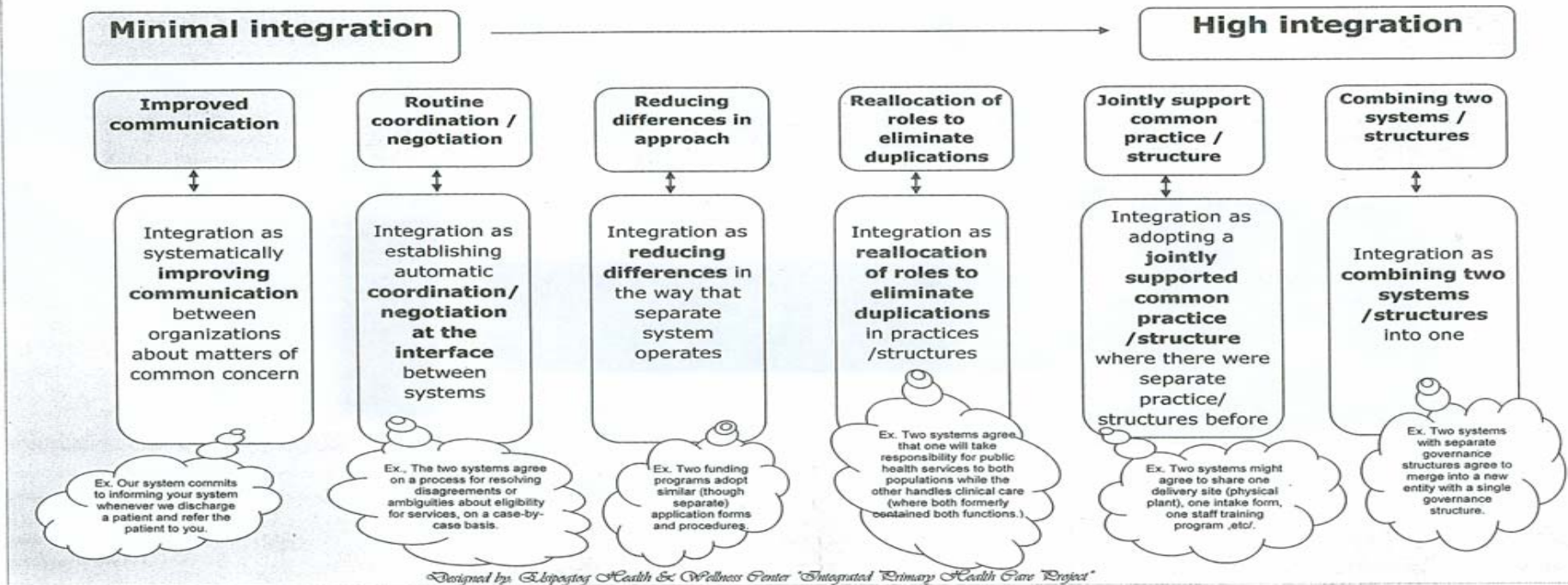
Themes of AHTF projects/initiatives

Pan-Canadian

- The Pan-Canadian Envelope provides the First Nations, Inuit and Métis Streams with \$5M each (\$15M total) for the development and implementation of Pan-Canadian projects.
- Groupings have fallen under Integration/Adaptation initial groupings

Integration Continuum

Range of meanings of "INTEGRATION"



Evaluation of AHTF

- Project level evaluations to be completed at end of initiative (2009/10)
 - Should tell us more about relationships, partnerships, linkages among program areas, outcomes and sustainability of work, and future directions
- Interim process evaluation to start March 2000
- First level outcomes include: increased collaboration, strengthened partnerships and relationships, increased participation, increased awareness, increased capacity

Research

- Literature review on integration models
 - Health services and other sectors
- Research on project clusters
 - how improving integration and adaptation of health systems

Discussion and Questions
