

Appendix C: Findings of the Environmental Scan

Table C-10: Pan-Canadian Scan of Ministry of Health Service Plans/Strategic Priorities

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British Columbia	Ministry of Health 2015/16 – 2017/18 Service Plan	Goal 1: Support the health and well-being of British Columbians. Objective 1.1: Targeted and effective primary disease prevention and health promotion <u>Strategies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with health authorities and other partners to continue implementation of “Promote, Protect, Prevent: Our Health Begins Here. BC’s Guiding Framework for Public Health”, the provincial framework for supporting the overall health and well-being of British Columbians and a sustainable public health system. • Work with health authorities, physicians and other partners to implement the “Healthy Families BC Policy Framework”, improving the health of British Columbians by supporting communities, schools, workplaces and health care settings in promoting healthy lifestyles and creating healthy environments. 	Health Status: well-being Root Causes: environmental	Strategic Priority: high level reference to incorporating equity
		Goal 2: Deliver a system of responsive and effective health care services across British Columbia. Objective 2.3: Sustainable and effective health services in rural and remote areas of the province, including First Nations communities <u>Strategies</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop local community plans for rural and remote communities to create environments that foster healthy behaviours to improve the health of the population. 	Root Causes: social determinants (indigeneity)	Strategic Priority: high level reference to incorporating equity
Alberta	Ministry of Health Business Plan 2015–18	Desired Outcome One: Improved health outcomes for all Albertans <u>Priority Initiatives:</u> <p>1.8 Enhance and expand electronic health records to assist Albertans in taking an active role in managing their health and well-being by providing resources and tools through the personal health portal.</p>	Health Status: well-being, wellness	Strategic Priority: high level reference to achieving equity in outcomes

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		<p>Desired Outcome Two: The well-being of Albertans is supported through population health initiatives</p> <p><u>Priority Initiatives:</u></p> <p>2.4 Develop a whole-of-government approach to wellness and collaborate with key partners to build community capacity in support of wellness.</p> <p>2.6 Develop initiatives with Aboriginal partners and the federal government to improve health services.</p>	<p>Health Status: well-being, wellness</p> <p>Root Causes: social determinants (indigeneity)</p>	<p>Strategic Priority: high level reference to achieving equity in outcomes</p>
Saskatchewan	Ministry of Health and Health System Plan for 2015-16	<p>Ministry Goal</p> <p>Improve population health through health promotion, protection and disease prevention, and collaborating with communities and different government organizations to close the health disparity gap.</p>	<p>Health Status: health disparity</p> <p>Interventions: closing the gap</p>	<p>Strategic Goal: high level reference to achieving equity in outcomes</p>
Manitoba	Manitoba Health, Healthy Living and Seniors	<p>Mission</p> <p>To meet the health needs of individuals, families and their communities by leading a sustainable, publicly administered health system that promotes well-being and provides the right care, in the right place, at the right time.</p>	<p>Health Status: well-being</p>	<p>Mission Statement: high level reference to achieving equity in outcomes</p>
Ontario	Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Overview 2015-16 Published Plan	<p>Promoting Healthy Behaviours</p> <p>The province will further promote healthy behaviours by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraging physical activity and healthy eating, through the Healthy Kids Strategy. Encouraging healthier food choices through proposed legislation that would require food service premises with 20 or more locations in Ontario that serve ready to eat foods and beverages to post calories on menus and menu boards. Expanding proven programs in schools and workplaces to promote mental well-being and prevent addictions, to help people deal with challenges and recognize when they need help. Making it easier for children in low-income families to get dental care through a single integrated program. 	<p>Health Status: well-being</p> <p>Root Causes: social determinants (income security)</p> <p>Populations: low income</p>	<p>Strategic Priority: high level reference to achieving equity in outcomes</p>

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Quebec	Ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux	Mission The Ministère de la Santé et des Services Sociaux's mission is to maintain and improve the health and well-being of people in Québec by making a range of integrated and quality health and social services accessible to all in order to contribute to the social and economic development of Québec.	Health Status: well-being Root Causes: economic, social determinants (social safety net)	Strategic Priority: high level reference to achieving equity in outcomes
Newfoundland & Labrador	Department of Health and Community Services Strategic Plan 2014 – 2017	Issue One: Population Health Goal 2014-17: By March 31, 2017, the Department of Health and Community Services will have improved its capacity to contribute to positive health outcomes for the people of the province. <u>Indicators:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed current health promotion and wellness policies, programs and services Strategic Direction 1: Population Health Outcome: Strengthened population health and healthy living Focus Area: aboriginal Health	Health Status: wellness Root Causes: social determinants (indigeneity)	Strategic Priority: high level reference to incorporating equity in strategic objectives and achieving equity in outcomes
Nova Scotia	Health and Wellness Statement of Mandate 2015–2016	Health System Goal #1: Health of the Population Improve the health and wellness of Nova Scotians through health promotion, disease and injury prevention, enhanced primary health care and culturally competent chronic disease management Strategic Priority: Creation of supportive environments to promote the health of all Nova Scotian's <u>Initiatives:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued implementation of Together We Can, the province's mental health and addictions strategy. This strategy is focused on intervening and treating early for better results, creating shorter wait times for better care, addressing the unique needs of diverse populations, working with our partners more collaboratively and reducing stigma; Continued implementation of Thrive!, which is focused on supporting a healthy start for children and families, equipping people with skills and knowledge for life-long health, creating more opportunities to eat well and be active, and planning and building healthier communities. 	Health Status: wellness Populations: diverse populations	Strategic Priority: high level reference to incorporating equity into outcomes

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New Brunswick	Rebuilding Health Care Together. The Provincial Health Plan. 2013-2018	<p>Key Goals/Directions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Increase the number of years individual residents of New Brunswick live free of major illness, disability and handicap. 2. Increase emphasis on promotion of well-being and prevention of social dysfunctioning. 3. Assist individuals and families to achieve and maintain well-being. 4. Promote the achievement and maintenance of a healthy physical and social environment. 5. Provide equitable, affordable and appropriate health and wellness for the citizens of New Brunswick. <p><u>Initiatives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevention of unintentional injuries • Promoting food safety and healthy nutrition • An action plan for children's health • Improving health amongst First Nations' populations • Addressing longstanding health inequities in various sectors 	<p>Health Status: well-being, health inequity</p> <p>Root Causes: environmental, social determinants (social exclusion, indigeneity)</p>	<p>Strategic Priority: high level reference to incorporating equity into strategic goals and outcomes</p>
Prince Edward Island	Health and Wellness Business Plan 2012/13-2013/14	<p>Pillar #3: Developing and Implementing a Comprehensive Wellness Strategy</p> <p>Strategic Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate a leadership role in working with partners (communities, organizations, schools, workplaces and other government departments) to remove barriers to wellness for Islanders. • Build healthy public policy and supportive environments for all government programs and projects. • Engage Islanders in a "small positive changes can make a difference in your health" philosophy. • Develop a process with health indicators to measure progress towards achieving population health goals. <p><u>Key Action Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and implement a Wellness Strategy, which addresses the key priorities of healthy eating, physical activity, tobacco use, alcohol consumption, mental health and sport. • Engage partners in the development process. 	<p>Health Status: wellness, well-being</p> <p>Root Causes: barriers</p> <p>Populations: populations with special needs</p>	<p>Strategic Priority: high level reference to incorporating equity into strategic goals and outcomes</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish a mechanism to ensure cross-government support in implementation of the Wellness Strategy. Evaluate current initiatives to address wellness and modify as needed. Develop and launch pilot projects to support the Wellness Strategy that also include populations with special needs. Provide education to Islanders on small positive changes that can make a difference in their health and well-being. Identify health indicators required to measure progress towards achieving population health goals. 		
		<p>Pillar #4: Working with the People of PEI</p> <p>Strategic Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish prevention and wellness as a priority. <p>Key Action Items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop positive and inspiring messages to promote health and wellness and disease prevention. 	Health Status: wellness	Strategic Priority: high level reference to incorporating equity into strategic goals and outcomes
Yukon	Health and Social Services Strategic Plan 2014-2019 Healthy communities – wellness for all	<p>Strategic Goal 1: Optimal physical and mental well-being</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in high-risk behaviour Increase in health promoting behaviours Increased public protection from exposure to environmental risks that affect health Reduced impact and incidence of chronic disease 	<p>Health Status: well-being</p> <p>Root Causes: risk factors, environmental</p>	Strategic Priority: high level reference to incorporating equity into strategic goals and outcomes
		<p>Strategic Goal 2: Safety and well-being for vulnerable/‘hard-to-serve’ populations and those with complex conditions</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Increased access to a range of service options and approaches Meaningful independence and inclusion in the community is gained and maintained 	<p>Health Status: well-being</p> <p>Root Causes: social determinants (inclusion)</p> <p>Populations: vulnerable, hard to serve</p>	Strategic Priority: high level reference to incorporating equity into strategic goals and outcomes



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Northwest Territories	Health and Social Services	Mission Promote, protect, and provide for the health and well-being of the people of the NWT.	Health Status: well-being	Strategic Priority: high level reference to incorporating equity
Nunavut	Department of Health	Mission To promote, protect and enhance the health and well-being of all Nunavummiut, incorporating Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit at all levels of service delivery and design.	Health Status: well-being	Strategic Priority: high level reference to incorporating equity