

Health Wellness

Coalition

May 2019

A year in review

- June 2018 First recorded elections of Officers for this group
- Mayors of each Cache Creek, Ashcroft, and Clinton assign a councilor with a health care portfolio, and they sit at our table. This meets the goals of previous objectives set.
- First Nations discussions opened to include them at our table. We have work to do on this, but introductions have been made. This meets the goals of previous objectives set.
- First large-scale Navigating Health Fair held in Cache Creek – this was a great event to increase the exposure of WHAC to ensure the communities know who we are and that we work for them, it also allowed us to complete a survey. People who attended learned many things about navigating the system for their health and wellness needs.
- First community survey completed, asking for community input into healthcare needs / wants for our catchment area. This survey told us, what emergency services people want / need, if they have a doctor, and where, if they would consider using a Nurse Practitioner in appropriate instances to support physicians, and they told us some of their experiences with a rural health care delivery model such as ours. Goal set by this executive.
- Emergency services in crisis again, this time due to a shortage of nurses. The last time a temporary reduction of emergency services took place in 2014 was due to physician shortage, services have never returned to normal, and now additional closures occurring due to a lack of recruitment to the vacant positions has now reached a crisis so that our very short time of emergency services is being disrupted. Executive took action after a lack of information from IH, who were invited to speak on it, and then learning of another nurse leaving.
 - Petitions and action called by the executive to try to get IH and the Ministry to enter into collaborative talks to find solutions to consistent and sustainable Healthcare, ongoing now.
- June 2019 – elections of officers to be held again. Goal set by this executive, that leaders should be elected annually, and new nonprofit society will outline more details on this for future. – Dr. Nancy Humber called to ask if we are interested to sit on a committee to represent those in our catchment area, along with members of municipalities of all communities, IH, and others. We said yes, it's a step. We are waiting for more details.
 - Membership drive,
 - Advancement of community action plan
 - Non-Profit status in order to start applying for funding, setting constitution and by laws, be in a position to be ready to form a board and becoming a Community Health Center – self-governed, which is the direction the government and Ministry of Health wish to move.

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