# Record of Discussion

**School Health Coordinators’ Committee Meeting**

**October 13 2020**

**Co-Chairs: Cassandra Sullivan (BC), Sterling Carruthers (PE)**   
**Participants:**

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| **Jurisdiction** | **Representative** |
| BC | Cassandra Sullivan |
| AB | Pat Martz |
| SK | Anna Grumbly  Jonathon Renwick  Helen Flengeris |
| MB |  |
| ON | Sana Javed  Irene Lai  Adam Laydak |
| NB | Sylvia Reentovich |
| PE | Sterling Carruthers |
| NS | James Shedden |
| NL | Peggy Orbasli |
| NU | Shara Bernstein |
| NT | Kaitlynn Dewhirst |
| YT | Ian Parker  Brenda Jenner |
| PHAC | Stéphanie Arbez  Suzy Wong |
| **Secretariat** |  |
| Susan Hornby | Senior Advisor |
| Craig Watson | Research Analyst |

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1. Welcome and Roll Call  
   Sterling welcomed all to the meeting.
2. Review and Approval of Agenda  
   The agenda was approved as written.
3. Approval of Record of Discussion from the September 8 2020 meeting  
   The Record of Discussion from the September 8 2020 meeting was approved.
4. Annual Work Plan 2020-2021 / Annual Work Plan Fall 2020 Priorities: Update  
   Susan updated the SHCC on the status of the JCSH Annual Work Plan 2020-2021, the progress/direction for the fall 2020 priorities, and reviewed pertinent action items from the Work Plan that require feedback from both the JCSH Management Committee, and the SHCC (ie - future of the Healthy School Planner, PHAC surplus funding, etc).  
     
   *Discussion*:  
     
   ● There was concern expressed regarding whether the JCSH can move forward with advancing action items on the Work Plan before formal Agreements are signed by all jurisdictions (given that there are several jurisdictional sign-offs still outstanding).  
     
   ● The Secretariat has been moving forward with advancing action items from the Work Plan, given that there was a stated willingness to do so from the Management Committee and the SHCC (even without all formal Agreements being signed).  
     
   ● Susan will be meeting with John Cummings (Chair - JCSH Management Committee), and will confirm whether or not the Management Committee is able to meet and make decisions in advance of the remaining signed Agreements being received. As well, Susan will confer with John, and determine a suitable date for a Management Committee meeting (as well as the potential for a joint Management Committee/SHCC meeting).  
     
   ● PHAC’s share of their surplus that is not allocated for this fiscal year’s operations ($ 50,000) is also being applied to this fiscal year, and cannot be carried forward. Given that, this surplus funding will need to be spent prior to March 31 2021. Susan will confer with John to determine what JCSH priorities/initiatives might be best suited for the funding. Ideally, the SHCC will drive the direction of the potential initiatives, with a sign-off from the Management Committee.
5. Annual Report 2020  
   Susan updated the SHCC on the work that has begun on the JCSH 2020 Annual Report. There was discussion last summer (2019) around the Mandate Renewal Working Group table regarding the JCSH Annual Report - with a recommendation that the Annual Report abandon the jurisdictional updates section, and focus exclusively on the activities of the JCSH. Based on that recommendation, Susan recently sent an email to the Management Committee, to assess the level of interest in having a section on jurisdictional updates/initiatives for the 2020 report. Management Committee has made the decision to forgo the jurisdictional updates/initiatives section for the upcoming annual report.
6. Emerging Trends and Opportunities / SHCC Check-in

BC  
BC’s Public Health Officer has declared a joint public health emergency on Covid-19 and the opioid crisis.  
  
AB  
No report.  
  
SK  
No report.  
  
ON  
No report.  
  
NB  
Current focus within schools is on supporting the immediate mental health/health and well-being needs of students.  
  
NS  
The Health Promoting Schools team is currently developing a school food guide, as well as doing work around physical activity/outdoor spaces, school transportation, and the newly revised Inclusive Education Policy. The team has also begun work on a set of Health Promoting Schools Standards. Public Health has also created a Covid-response team to work directly with schools - with their primary focus being communications, and outbreak response.  
  
NL  
Newfoundland has a new Premier. The Health Promotion division has been moved to the Department of Health and Community Services. The focus within schools was COVID-19 in September, but the cases have remained low and the focus has shifted to social-emotional learning and mental well-being. Flu shots will be offered to students and staff in grades 4-12 in schools this year.  
  
NU  
The current focus within schools is on supporting the immediate mental health/health and well-being needs of students, staff, and families. During the summer months, the Department of Education worked to develop a Covid-related toolkit for schools - the “[Recovery Learning Framework for School Leaders](https://gov.nu.ca/sites/default/files/recovery_learning_framework_en.pdf).” Currently, the Department is supporting schools and families in preparing for a possible transition to blended or remote learning.  
  
YT  
The Department of Education is reporting that it has seen an uptick in requests and concerns related to cyberbullying, mental health, as well as advocacy requests from the Child and Youth Advocate’s office. Currently, the Department is working to determine how best to return grades 10-12 students back to school on a more full-time basis (from the current half day model that is in place). On the Health front, infographics related to the HBSC data are currently being developed. It is the intention to bring these infographics back to the schools where the data was collected, as well as use them as an information piece for teachers and adult allies. In conjunction with Health Canada, work is currently underway on a SUAP (“Substance Use and Addictions Program”) application - with plans to engage with individuals (specifically in rural/remote communities), to build and share knowledge on effective treatments for substance use among youth. The CSH Model, Developmental Assets Model, and PHAC’s “Blueprint for Action” will be used as complimentary pieces to this - with the long term goal of introducing the Planet Youth/Icelandic Model.  
  
PHAC  
No report.  
  
PE  
A new Provincial School Food Initiative has been launched - providing healthy lunch options for students across all schools in the province.

1. Action Items Table  
   The Action Items Table was reviewed.   
     
   Action: The SHCC has been asked to please review the new changes to the public side of the JCSH website and provide feedback accordingly.  
     
   Action: Susan encouraged the SHCC to review the JCSH summary of the SHCC comments/feedback that has been received pertaining to PHAC’s Blueprint for Action draft document.  
     
   Action: Based on some of the Survey Monkey feedback pertaining to recent presentations during SHCC WebEx meetings (ie- Ian Parker/Kim Weatherby presentations), it was noted that there may be interest in keeping these types of presentations separate from monthly SHCC meetings, and offering them as stand-alone webinars. The SHCC was asked to consider this new option, and provide feedback to the Secretariat.
2. Upcoming SHCC WebEx Meetings
   * November 10 2020
   * December 8 2020
   * January 12 2021

*All meetings begin at 1:00 Eastern Time.*

1. Adjournment