*CONFIDENTIAL ADVICE TO JCSH MEMBERS*

BRIEFING NOTE

January, 2019

**AGENDA ITEM:**  *PREPARING FOR A POSSIBLE RENEWED MANDATE:*

*PAN-CANADIAN JOINT CONSORTIUM FOR SCHOOL HEALTH (JCSH)*

**LEAD JURISDICTION**: **PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND**

**DECISIONS REQUESTED:**

**Decision**   **Discussion**  **Information**

Discussion re: JCSH

* Process of seeking 2020-2025 Mandate

**BACKGROUND:**

* The Pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health (JCSH) was established in 2005 by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC) and the Conference of Ministers of Health to facilitate a comprehensive and coordinated approach to health promotion in the school setting.
* Its purpose is to facilitate the collaboration of the health and education sectors to better accomplish mutual goals and support shared mandates for the promotion of wellness and achievement in children and youth in Canadian schools. BC was the lead jurisdiction and hosted the JCSH Secretariat for the first five years (2005-2010).
* The JCSH has received a second mandate (2010-2015) and a third mandate 2010-2020. Prince Edward Island has been the lead jurisdiction and Secretariat host continuously since 2010.
* JCSH comprises the Ministries of Education and the Ministries of Health from all provinces and territories with the exception of Québec. While Québec is not a member of the Consortium, it contributes to the work of the Consortium through sharing information and best practices.
* The federal government also supports the work of the Consortium, with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) serving in a funding and advisory capacity.
* Since 2005, the provinces and territories have contributed one-half of the annual $500,00 budget of JCSH; PHAC has contributed the other half.

**WORK OF JCSH:**

* JCSH contributes to leadership and capacity building in Canada in unique ways:
  + Develops and exchanges evidence and knowledge, leading to changes in supports for children and youth in the school setting
  + Develops and mobilizes research to support provincial and territorial improvements in healthy school communities
  + Provides expertise and consultation on pan-Canadian Working Groups
  + Links FPT governments on initiatives and emerging issues that impact the health, safety, and achievement of children and youth throughout Canada
  + Works with research and practice experts throughout Canada to develop resources that improve the supports for school staff, as well as children and youth
  + Contributes to improved conditions for all students, staff, and members of school communities.
* The work of the JCSH promotes comprehensive school health, an internationally recognized framework for supporting improvements in students’ educational outcomes while addressing school health in a planned, integrated, holistic, and sustainable way.
* With no federal Minister of Education, JCSH provides a direct link between Education and Health at the pan-Canadian level.
* The JCSH works through three bodies: the Management Committee, the School Health Coordinators’ Committee, and the Secretariat. The Executive Director and Secretariat provide a collective voice to partner organizations and a collective expertise on pan-Canadian working groups.
* JCSH works with nationally-recognized research teams to develop evidence-based resources in collaboration with PT policy makers and practitioners. The resources benefit all provinces and territories through the resource itself and as the basis for PT-specific resources.
* Key resources and tools developed by JCSH are available at [www.jcsh-cces.ca](http://www.jcsh-cces.ca):
  + Comprehensive School Health Framework
  + Healthy School Planner
  + Positive Mental Health Toolkit
  + Positive Mental Health in the School Based Setting: Better Practices and Perspectives (2nd edition)
  + Youth Engagement Toolkit
  + Core Indicators Model : Comprehensive School Health and Student Success

**CURRENT SITUATION**

* In keeping with previous mandate renewals processes in 2009 and in 2014, it is anticipated that a decision on the next JCSH mandate will be made by the Conference of Deputy Ministers of Health (CDM) at the summer or fall meeting in 2019 and the Advisory Committee of Deputy Ministers of Education (ACDME) at a summer or fall 2019 meeting.
* JCSH has committed to a Developmental Evaluation process throughout this current mandate – 2015-2020. The evaluation expert who has guided this evaluation process for the past two years, Jamie Gamble of Imprint Consulting, is finalizing data collection for a report with a summative component. This report will be complete by May, 2019.

**CONSIDERATIONS**

* The current mandate ends March 31 2020.
* The formula used to determine the PT portion ($250,000) is a fixed amount, $2000 for each of 12 members, with the remaining amount determined by percentage per capita.
* For more information see Attachment: *JCSH Accomplishments and Connections*

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