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| **Mandate Renewal for Pan-Canadian Joint Consortium for School Health (JCSH)**Common Briefing Note | Lead: Prince Edward Island |
| PT DM Teleconference |
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**PURPOSE**

* JCSH members are seeking a renewed mandate for this Consortium which comprises all PT ministries of health/health promotion and education with the exception of Quebec. Funding and support is provided by the federal government through the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC);
	+ Approval is being sought for
		- Mandate Renewal
		- Budget
		- Membership fees
	+ All details related to the proposal are described in the attached Executive Summary and Proposed Strategic Directions documents.

**KEY INFORMATION**

* The third consecutive five-year mandate will expire on March 31 2020;
* Since the first mandate (2005-2010), the annual budget for the JCSH has been $500,000;
* As a measure to ensure sustainability and fiscal responsibility, the proposal for a new mandate includes a reduction in the membership fees for a total annual budget of $250,000 This will be achieved through a reduction in the number of FTEs in the secretariat; and eliminating all spending on travel/hospitality through greater use of technology;
* The initial priorities for a fourth JCSH mandate include:
	+ **Problematic substance use,** with a strong initial focus on vaping;
	+ **Mental well-being,** including social-emotional learning, resiliency, anxiety, protective factors and disruptive behaviours; and
	+ **School food environment,** including the alignment of healthy eating school food policies and priorities through the comprehensive school health approach.

**BACKGROUND**

* The JCSH was established in 2005 by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada and the Conference of Ministers of Health to facilitate a comprehensive and coordinated approach to health promotion in the school setting;
* BC was the lead PT and host of the Secretariat from 2002-2010;
* Since 2010 PE has been the lead PT and host of the Secretariat.

**NEXT STEPS**

* A concurrent mandate approval process is happening with the Advisory Committee of Deputy Ministers of Education (ACDME);
* If a new mandate is approved, a formal Agreement will be sent to all PTs for signature;
* Each year Deputy Ministers are asked to accept the JCSH Annual Report.