



Yukon Health &
Social Services Council
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YUKON HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COUNCIL

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Introduction

WHEREAS the Yukon Government understands that there is a connection between social well-being and economic prosperity, and that the development of healthy communities is critical to the development of a prosperous and stable Territory;

WHEREAS the Yukon Government recognizes that partnership and cooperation with organizations, stakeholders and the public at large is critical to the development of healthy communities;

WHEREAS the Yukon Health and Social Services Council was created by statute with the mandate to increase public participation in the development of health-care, justice and social services policy across the Yukon;

WHEREAS the Yukon Health and Social Service Council shall provide an open process for the review of social policy concerning health, justice and social services with the aim of building broad public consensus towards improving the quality of life in the Yukon;

THEREFORE the Yukon Health and Social Service Council shall conduct the following functions:

- (a) to consult individuals, groups, and the public about health, social, and justice issues and report to the Minister on what they believe the issues are and on how they believe the issues should be dealt with;
- (b) to recommend to the Minister ways of encouraging and creating effective partnerships of individuals, groups, communities, and governments in the planning and implementation of health and social programs and services and the integration of health programs and services with social programs and services;

- (c) to advise the Minister on issues relating to the provision of health and social programs and services;
- (d) to encourage the development of programs by communities, governmental and non-governmental agencies, and aboriginal organizations to provide innovative, integrated, and effective ways of addressing social needs;
- (e) to suggest to the Minister new visions for health and social services policy;
- (f) to advise the Minister on the implementation of this Act and on the use of the Health Investment Fund;
- (g) to recommend to the Minister any research the Council considers useful or necessary;
- (h) with the approval of the Minister, to undertake studies of issues relating to the provision of health, social, and justice programs and services;
- (i) at the request of the Minister, to evaluate the effect of programs or services and how they are provided;
- (j) to encourage improvements in the health and well-being of people in the Yukon;
- (k) to undertake any other functions that the Minister may assign.

Membership

The membership of the Yukon Health and Social Services Council will reflect, to the greatest extent possible, the regional, cultural and gender balance of the Territory.

Agenda

The Health and Social Services Council will be responsible for setting its own agenda. In setting its agenda, the Council will take into consideration the suggestions from the Yukon government. The Minister may refer items to the council for consideration and advice.