

**Provincial Territorial Health Ministers' Meeting Agenda**  
**Thursday, June 28, 2018**  
**8:00 am – 3:15 pm**  
**The Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg MB**

**Wednesday, June 27, 2018 - Opening Reception**

**6:30 – 10:00 PM**

Location: Clay Oven – Shaw Park, One Portage Avenue East, Winnipeg

**Thursday, June 28, 2018**

<b>PT Ministers' Breakfast - Private</b>	<b>7:00 – 8:00 AM</b>
Location: Salon A, First Floor	
<b>Delegates Breakfast</b>	<b>7:00 – 8:00 AM</b>
Location: Concert Hall, 7th Floor	

<b>Official PT Ministers' Photograph - Crystal Ballroom, 7th Floor</b>	<b>8:00 - 8:15</b> <b>15 minutes</b>
<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks (MB/ALL)</b> Crystal Ballroom, 7th Floor	<b>8:15 – 8:20</b> <b>5 minutes</b>
<b>1. Mental Health and Addictions (MB/BC/NL)</b> <i>Decision</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers will discuss mental health and addictions initiatives that PTs are working on and how jurisdictions might work together and engage with the federal government to continue to improve access to mental health and addiction services.</li> </ul>	<b>8:20 – 9:20</b> <b>60 minutes</b>
<b>2. Ongoing Efforts to Address Opioids and other Problematic Substance Use (BC)</b> <i>Discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers will discuss the efforts and opportunities that each jurisdiction is considering or taking to address opioids and problematic substance use.</li> </ul>	<b>9:20 – 9:40</b> <b>20 minutes</b>
<b>3. Cannabis (MB/ALL)</b> <i>Discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers will share on-going efforts that are underway to prepare for legalization, including activities related to public awareness and education.</li> </ul>	<b>9:40 – 9:55</b> <b>15 minutes</b>
<b>Break</b>	<b>9:55 – 10:15</b> <b>20 minutes</b>
<b>4. Antibiotic over-prescribing (NL)</b> <i>Discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers will discuss antibiotic over-prescribing and strategies to address this practice.</li> </ul>	<b>10:15 -10:40</b> <b>25 minutes</b>
<b>5. Pan-Canadian Collaborative on Health Equipment Procurement (pCCHPEP) (MB/AB)</b> <i>Decision</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers will discuss the pan-Canadian Collaborative on Health Equipment Procurement Report for Premiers.</li> </ul>	<b>10:40 – 11:10</b> <b>30 minutes</b>

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<b>6. Canada Health Act (CHA) (MB/ALL)</b> <i>Discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers will discuss the CHA prior to the Federal Provincial Territorial (FPT) Health Ministers' Meeting (HMM).</li> </ul>	11:10 – 11:30 20 minutes
<b>7. Initial Review of Communique (ALL)</b>	11:30 – 11:40 10 minutes
<b>Lunch – Private items for discussion: Canada Health Act, Plasma</b>	11:40 – 12:40 60 minutes
<b>8. Report out from Private Lunch and review of Communique</b>	12:40 – 12:45 5 minutes
<b>9. Physician Compensation (AB)</b> <i>Decision</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers will share successes, challenges, and lessons learned related to physician compensation.</li> </ul>	12:45 – 1:15 30 minutes
<b>10. Pharmaceuticals (BC/AB/MB)</b> <i>Discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers will discuss the ongoing PT and FPT work on pharmaceuticals, including the Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare.</li> </ul> <i>Decision</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers will discuss and provide support in principle for the Expensive Drugs for Rare Disease (EDRD) Working Group's proposal for a supplemental process for complex/specialized drugs.</li> </ul>	1:15 – 2:15 60 minutes
<b>Break</b>	2:15 – 2:25 10 minutes
<b>11. Presentation on Northern Rural and Remote Health Care</b> <i>Information</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministers will receive a presentation by Dr. John Halamka, CIO of Harvard Medical School, on technology and data as it relates to northern rural and remote areas.</li> </ul>	2:25– 3:10 45 minutes
<b>12. Review and Approve Final PT Communique and Meeting Summary and Closing Remarks</b>	3:10 -3:15 5 minutes
<b>Break</b>	3:15 – 3:20 5 minutes
<b>Press Conference</b>	3:20 – 3:50 30 minutes

## **Provincial/Territorial Health Ministers Meeting Communique**

June 28, 2018

(The Government of Saskatchewan is distributing this communique on behalf of the chair of the provincial/territorial health minister's meeting.)

WINNIPEG – Provincial and territorial health ministers held a successful meeting today in Winnipeg.

The meeting included productive discussions on several key issues, including mental health and addictions, the federal legalization of cannabis, pharmaceutical drug coverage, and the need for short and long-term federal funding to meet evolving health care challenges.

### **Mental Health and Addictions**

The demand for strong mental health and addictions treatment and care services continues to grow in jurisdictions across Canada. Much work is underway to address these issues by investing in coordinated and integrated care, and ministers shared information on mental health and addictions initiatives in their own communities.

Ministers discussed the importance of mental health and wellness and some of the challenges related to providing community-based services that are accessible and culturally appropriate, and agreed to further collaboration among provinces and territories in this important area.

### **Opioids and Problematic Substance Use**

The toxic drug supply and problematic substance use, including opioids, remains at crisis levels across the country. Discussions focused on the current and proposed efforts and opportunities provincial and territorial governments are undertaking to address this serious issue. Ministers agreed that more work is needed on a broad range of supports and services.

Discussions will continue with the federal health minister at the federal/provincial/territorial health ministers' meeting in Winnipeg on Friday, Jun. 29. Provinces and territories will emphasize the importance of longer-term supports and flexibility in announced emergency federal funding to address local and regional priorities, including significant challenges with crystal meth use in some jurisdictions.

### **Cannabis Legalization**

As progress continues towards the federal legalization of cannabis in Canada, provincial and territorial health ministers discussed their public education and awareness efforts. Ministers reiterated their call on the federal government to immediately enhance public education and

awareness efforts to support public health and safety and reduce potential negative outcomes of cannabis use.

The federal government should provide realistic and on-going funding for aligned public education and awareness campaigns, particularly regarding risks associated with drug-impaired driving and health consequences for youth.

### **Health Equipment Procurement**

Based on the success of agreements to jointly negotiate pharmaceutical prices, provinces and territories are pursuing pan-Canadian collaboration to purchase health equipment. Provincial and territorial ministers have advanced recommendations to premiers for consideration at their upcoming meeting that would support innovation, efficiencies and improved patient care.

### **Pharmaceuticals**

Provinces and territories continue to work collaboratively to increase access and lower the cost of prescription drugs for Canadians. Ministers discussed ongoing opportunities for collective work on pharmaceuticals, and the federal announcement of the Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare.

Provincial and territorial ministers agreed that any potential pan-Canadian pharmacare program would need to improve patient access to drugs, and include adequate and secure long-term federal funding. Any scenarios will need to address parameters around the government's ability to pay and the full range of financial implications for jurisdictions. Provinces and territories must retain responsibility for the design and delivery of public drug coverage.

It is understood that Quebec will maintain its own program and will receive comparable compensation if the federal government puts a pan-Canadian program in place.

Ministers also received an update and discussed next steps regarding the work being done by the Expensive Drugs for Rare Diseases Working Group to improve the management of rare diseases drug therapies in Canada.

### **Canada Health Act and Canada Health Transfers**

Ministers continue to support the underlying principles of the Canada Health Act, but have increased concerns with the continued decline in the federal share of overall health funding and the lack of collaboration in the application of the act. They also expressed concerns that the health needs of Canadians are not well served when provincial and territorial governments do not receive fair and sustainable funding through the Canada Health Transfer.

## **Northern, Rural and Remote Health Care**

Ministers also received a presentation on northern, rural and remote health care.

Tomorrow, the provincial and territorial health ministers will meet with the federal health minister Ginette Petitpas Taylor. Provincial and territorial ministers will raise key priorities, including the need for appropriate long-term health funding arrangements, further support for cannabis public awareness and ongoing needs to address opioids and problematic substance use.

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CONFERENCE OF FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL HEALTH MINISTERS  
JUNE 28-29, 2018  
THE FORT GARRY HOTEL, WINNIPEG, MB

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**Thursday, June 28, 2018**

**Reception**

*Location: Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS)  
Classrooms A, B, C*

**6:00 – 7:00 pm**

**FPT Ministers' Private Dinner**

*Location: Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Sifton Terrace, 6<sup>th</sup> floor*

**7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**All Delegates' Dinner**

*Location: Canada Museum for Human Rights, Manitoba Teachers' Society (MTS)  
Classrooms A, B, C*

**7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**Friday, June 29, 2018**

**FPT Ministers Breakfast Meeting with the Canadian Federation of Nurses  
Unions co-hosted by Minister Goertzen**

*Location: Provencher Ballroom, Lobby level*

**6:45 – 7:45 am**

**All Delegates' Breakfast**

*Location: Concert Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> floor*

**6:45 – 7:45 am**

**FPT Ministers' Meeting with National Indigenous Organizations (NIOs)**

*Location: Crystal Ballroom, 7<sup>th</sup> floor*

**8:30 – 10:30 am**

**FPT Ministers' Meeting**

*Location: Crystal Ballroom, 7<sup>th</sup> floor*

**10:45 – 2:20 pm**

**FPT Ministers' Lunch**

*Location: The Fort Garry Hotel, Salon A, first floor*

**12:35 – 1:30 pm**

**All Delegates' Lunch**

**Location: The Fort Garry Hotel, Concert Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> floor**

**12:35 – 1:30 pm**

**Intermission**

**2:20 – 2:30 pm**

**FPT Press Conference**

*Location: LaVerendrye Room, Mezzanine level*

**2:30 – 3:00 pm**

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**Private Dinner (June 28, 2018)**

*Location: Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Sifton Terrace, 6<sup>th</sup> floor*

**1. Cannabis**

*Discussion*

- Ministers will discuss the upcoming legalization and regulation of cannabis, including ongoing FPT collaboration and public education efforts.

**7:00 – 9:00 pm**

**2. Pan-Canadian Health Organizations (CAN/MB)**

*Discussion*

- Ministers will discuss the recommendations of the external review of the pan-Canadian Health Organizations.

**Plenary (June 29, 2018)**

**3. Welcome and Opening Remarks (MB/CAN)**

**10:45 – 10:50 am**

**4. Ongoing Efforts to Address Opioids and Problematic Substance Use (BC/CAN)**

**10:50 – 11:15 am**

*Discussion*

- Ministers will discuss federal support for treatment and will take stock of the current crisis and additional efforts, including treatment initiatives, to address problematic substance use.

**5. Shared Health Priorities (PEI/CAN)**

**11:15 – 11:35 am**

*Decision Item*

- The Canadian Institute for Health Information will seek Health Ministers approval on the proposed common indicators for mental health and addictions services, and home and community care.

**6. Pharmaceuticals (BC/AB/MB/CAN)**

**11:35 – 12:05 pm**

*Discussion*

- Dr. Eric Hoskins will provide Ministers with an update on the work of the Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare, including its mandate, focus, and engagement process.

**7. Antimicrobial Resistance and Antibiotic Prescribing (NL/CAN)**

**12:05 – 12:15 pm**

*Discussion*

- Ministers will discuss antibiotic prescribing and the development of a Pan-Canadian Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance.

**8. Canada Health Act (CAN)** **12:15 – 12:30 pm**

*Discussion*

- Ministers will receive an update on the engagement with PTs on the new approaches to identifying and eliminating patient charges, including: a reimbursement policy; strengthened reporting requirements; and clarification of the status of medically necessary diagnostic services as publicly insured services.

**9. Initial Review of Communiqué (MB/CAN)** **12:30 – 12:35 pm**

### **FPT Ministers' Private Lunch**

*Location: The Fort Garry Hotel, Salon A, first floor*

### **10. Canada Health Act**

*Discussion*

- Ministers will continue discussions from the plenary (if needed). **12:35 – 1:30 pm**

### **11. Plasma (CAN/SK)**

*Discussion*

Ministers will discuss the recent federal report from the Expert Panel on plasma supply and related impacts in Canada and identify opportunities for FPT collaboration.

### **All Delegates' Lunch**

*Location: The Fort Garry Hotel, Concert Hall, 7<sup>th</sup> floor*

**12:35 – 1:30 pm**

### **Report Out from Private Lunch (MB/CAN)**

**1:30 – 1:35 pm**

### **12. Tobacco Control and Vaping Products (CAN)**

**1:35 – 1:55 pm**

*Discussion*

- Ministers will receive an update on the proposed *Tobacco and Vaping Products Act* and Canada's Tobacco Strategy.

### **13. Dementia (CAN)**

**1:55 – 2:10 pm**

*Discussion*

- Ministers will receive a report out from the National Dementia Conference (May 2018) as well as an update on next steps on the development of a National Dementia Strategy.

### **14. Communiqué (MB/CAN)**

**2:10 – 2:15 pm**

- Finalization

### **15. Closing Remarks (MB/CAN)**

**2:15 – 2:20 pm**



*Paper Items:*

**16. Common Vision for Increasing Physical Activity and Reducing Sedentary Living in Canada (NS/CAN):**

- Ministers will receive *A Common Vision for Increasing Physical Activity and Reducing Sedentary Living: Let's Get Moving*, which was led by the F/P/T Ministers responsible for Sport, Physical Activity and Recreation in collaboration with the health sector.

**17. Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections (STBBI) Framework (NS/CAN)**

- Ministers will be asked to approve the framework entitled: Reducing the Public Health Impact of STBBI in Canada by 2030: A Pan-Canadian Framework for Collective Action.

*~ Adjournment ~*

**Intermission**

**2:20 – 2:30 pm**

**Press conference**

**2:30 – 3:00 pm**

*End of Conference*

## **Federal/Provincial/Territorial Communiqué - Health Ministers' Meeting (HMM)**

WINNIPEG, June 29, 2018 /CNW/ - Federal, provincial and territorial (FPT) health ministers concluded a successful meeting today in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Ministers held productive discussions on a number of priorities, including opioids and problematic substance use, cannabis and pharmacare.

### **Meeting with National Indigenous Organizations**

This morning, before the commencement of the meeting, provincial and territorial (PT) ministers joined the Honourable Ginette Petitpas Taylor and the Honourable Jane Philpott and leaders from the Assembly of First Nations, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, and Métis National Council to discuss their health priorities, including mental wellness and culturally relevant health programs and services.

Health ministers remain committed to working with local and regional First Nations, Inuit and Métis Nation partners to improve access to health services and the health outcomes of Indigenous peoples.

### **Addressing Opioids and Problematic Substance Use**

The overdose crisis continues to grow, with nearly 4,000 Canadian lives lost in 2017, the overwhelming majority as a result of fentanyl poisoning.

Ministers agreed that problematic substance use needs to be addressed as a public health issue, and more needs to be done to raise awareness about stigma among the general public, health care practitioners, police and emergency services.

Ministers acknowledged that all jurisdictions have implemented measures and dedicated resources to address problematic substance use and opioids in their respective jurisdictions. Ministers further discussed concerns about increased crystal methamphetamine use as well as the need to increase access to harm reduction services, opioid agonist treatments, supervised consumption sites and overdose prevention services.

Governments will continue to improve access and reduce barriers to treatment options, including through the recently announced Emergency Treatment Fund.

### **Cannabis**

Governments continue to take important steps to support an orderly transition to the anticipated new legal framework for cannabis, and advancing a culturally appropriate public health approach to this significant policy change. Health ministers stressed the need for appropriately coordinated and supported public education and awareness efforts as the federal initiative to legalize, regulate and restrict access to cannabis moves forward. Long-term efforts are necessary to provide Canadians with the best information to make informed choices regarding the use of cannabis, and to protect youth and public health and safety.

## **Pharmaceuticals**

Improving access to prescription medications remains a priority of all governments. In recent years, health ministers have taken collective action to improve the affordability, accessibility and appropriate use of pharmaceutical drugs. Building on these efforts, ministers met Dr. Eric Hoskins, Chair of the recently launched federal Advisory Council on the Implementation of National Pharmacare. Dr. Hoskins briefed ministers on the key issues related to his mandate and the council's work over the coming year.

## **Canada Health Act**

Federal Health Minister Pettipas Taylor provided an update on federal initiatives concerning the Canada Health Act.

## **Common Indicators for Shared Health Priorities**

In August 2017, FPT health ministers, except Quebec, endorsed the Common Statement of Principles on Shared Health Priorities<sup>i</sup> and committed to working together to ensure that health care systems continue to respond to the needs of Canadians in the areas of home and community care and mental health and addiction services.

Today, the health ministers of all provinces and territories, except Quebec, reached another milestone in this process, by approving a set of common indicators. These indicators were developed with the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) to measure pan-Canadian progress in the agreed priority areas. CIHI will begin its annual reporting to FPT governments and the public in 2019.

## **Dementia**

Addressing the challenges of dementia is a priority for health ministers. Ministers, except Quebec, discussed progress toward the development of the National Dementia Strategy, including work of the FPT Coordinating Committee on Dementia. As part of this discussion, ministers discussed the key outcomes from the National Dementia Conference, which took place in May 2018 in Ottawa.

## **Tobacco Control and Vaping**

Tobacco use remains a leading cause of premature death in Canada. FPT governments are committed to building on efforts under way, collectively and within their own jurisdictions, to further reduce this burden on Canadians. New technologies such as vaping products also present challenges, and new approaches are required. Health ministers discussed areas of collaboration to support implementation of federal, provincial and territorial tobacco control strategies.

## **Pan-Canadian Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infection Framework for Action**

Sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBI), including HIV and hepatitis C, are largely preventable, treatable and curable in many cases. Still, these infections continue to be a public health concern in Canada. An estimated 65,000 people are living with HIV and up to 246,000 Canadians are living with chronic hepatitis C infection. Health ministers approved a Pan-Canadian STBBI Framework for

Action entitled Reducing the Health Impact of Sexually Transmitted and Blood-borne Infections in Canada by 2030. The Framework aims to reduce the incidence of STBBI in Canada; improve access to testing, treatment and ongoing care and support; and reduce stigma and discrimination that create vulnerabilities to STBBI.

### **Common Vision for Increasing Physical Activity**

Health Ministers also received A Common Vision for Increasing Physical Activity and Reducing Sedentary Living in Canada: Let's Get Moving (Common Vision) and reaffirmed their support for collective efforts aimed at increasing physical activity and reducing sedentary living in Canada. The Common Vision was led by the FPT ministers<sup>ii</sup> responsible for sport, physical activity and recreation (SPAR), in close collaboration with officials from the health and public health sectors.

### **Antimicrobial Resistance and Antibiotic Prescribing**

Ministers stressed the importance of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and the need to take steps to reduce the inappropriate prescribing, dispensing and use of antimicrobials. Ministers also discussed the actions required to increase the visibility and awareness of AMR and antimicrobial use to the Canadian public and received an update on the development of a pan-Canadian action plan on AMR. The action plan will support the implementation of Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance and Antimicrobial Use: A Pan-Canadian Framework for Action, which was released in September 2017.

### **Reports**

Ministers also discussed the implications of and next steps stemming from recent federal reports on plasma supply and the review of the pan-Canadian Health Organizations.

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i The Government of Canada and the Government of Quebec agreed on March 10, 2017, to an asymmetrical arrangement distinct from the Statement of Principles and based on the asymmetrical agreement of September 2004.

ii Although Quebec is not opposed to the principles underlying the Common Vision, it has its own programs, action plans, objectives and targets for the promotion of physical activity and healthy lifestyles, all areas that are under Quebec's responsibility. The Government of Quebec does not participate in federal, provincial and territorial initiatives in those areas, but agrees to exchange information and best practices with other governments.

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