CRCHN 2023 Priorities

Background:

The CRCHN's mission is to build and sustain healthy communities within the Capital Regional District by facilitating discussions and catalyzing action around the social, economic and environmental determinants of health. To do this the CRCHN:

- Provides data and indicators around the social determinants of health as a means to track regional progress in these areas
- Acts as a conduit for information and catalyst for action around data/indicators on the determinants of health and well-being to influence social planning, strategic priority setting, and public health policy
- Acts as a platform for collaboration, networking and partnership building
- Helps community organizations build capacity[1] within the Capital Regional District

The ROM-CHN's work is focused on 10 goal areas:

- Affordable and Accessible Housing
- Economic Security
- Food Security
- Thriving Children and Youth
- Healthy and Safe Environments
- Recreation and Active Living
- Connection to Arts and Culture
- Accessible Human Services
- Inclusive, Connected Communities
- Lifelong Learning

The 2020-2024 Strategic Plan outlines four objectives for the network:

- Facilitate knowledge and capacity development around data and indicators of health and wellness, and the determinants of health and wellness
- Facilitate networking the networks[2]
- Deepen the health and sustainability of our network
- Support networks/agencies/organizations in applying for funding opportunities

To organize this work, the CRCHN Terms of Reference states that annual work plans are to be created each year. The plan below outlines the CRCHN's 2022 goals and associated activities. The plan recognizes the importance of taking a holistic approach to public health but also the need to balance this holistic approach with manageable workloads based on capacity. It is also acknowledged that the role of the network is to facilitate and amplify community work and not to generate new programs.

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[1] Capacity building projects are determined by the ROM-CHN steering committee based on their needs and the needs they see within the non-profit sector.
[2] Networking the networks brings together different networks across the CRD to build partnerships, learn about network health and strengthen their own capacity.

2023 Work Plan

Informational Priority: Affordable and Accessible Housing			
Associated Objectives	**Key Actions**	**Timeline**	**Expected Outcome**
Networking the Networks	• Organize a presentation about the housing landscape for the CHN	Winter 2023	CHN members are better informed about what programs exist and where they can refer clients
Data and indicators	• Provide updated data and reports related to housing in our region through an infographic	On-going	CHN Members are better informed about the housing crisis in the region
Informational Priority: Accessible Health and Human Services			
Associated Objectives	**Key Actions**	**Timeline**	**Expected Outcome**
Networking the Networks	• Presentations from Island Health about health care access	Summer 2023	We identify community-based approaches to expanding health and human service access
Data and indicators	• Relevant Island Health and other reports are shared through the inventory	On-going	Members understand the current situation related to accessible services and are able to identify opportunities to support access
Informational Priority: Inclusive, Connected Communities			
Associated Objective	**Key Actions**	**Timeline**	**Expected Outcome**
Networking the Networks	• Bring in relevant presenters such as Building Resilient Neighbourhoods	Spring 2023	Network members are better aware of resources in the community related to building connected communities
Data and indicators	• Distribute information about Community Living Society's Community Asset Map • Distribute racism-related research conducted by ICA and other relevant organizations	Summer 2023	Network members know more about accessibility and racism issues in our region as well as resources to address them
Subgroup Priority: Healthy and Safe Environments			
Associated Objective	**Key Actions**	**Timeline**	**Expected Outcome**
Data and indicators	• Complete the extreme heat research project	Fall 2023	Regional decision makers have a better understanding of the health impacts of extreme weather events and

	• Secure funding to look at other extreme weather events' impact on health outcomes		how to support vulnerable groups to prepare for, respond to and recover from events
Partnerships and funding	• Develop partnerships related to eco-anxiety programming and support funding applications	Winter 2023	People experiencing eco-anxiety will have more resources to access in the region

Subgroup Priority: Thriving Children and Youth

Associated Objective	Key Actions	Timeline	Expected Outcome
Networking the Networks	• Host the Flourishing Children and Youth Program Fair	Spring 2023	People working in children and youth sectors are better connected and more aware of best practices
Partnerships and funding	• Youth Climate Anxiety workshops	Spring 2023	Youth in our region will have more tools to address their climate anxiety
Data and indicators	• Conduct research related to capturing the voices of vulnerable children and youth	Winter 2024	Decision makers better understand how to capture the voices of vulnerable children and youth in our region and better understand their needs

On-Going CHN Work

Associated Objective	Key Actions	Timeline	Expected Outcome
Data and indicators	• Review data, indicators and reports to make available to CHN members via infographics and an inventory	On-going	Network members have a better understanding of what information is available and are able to easily draw on that information
Networking the Networks	• Host two Networking the Networks events • One event to focus on partnership development and applying for funding through partnerships	Spring and Fall 2023	Network members are more connected and have a better understanding of how to develop partnerships and successfully apply for funding
All objectives	• Distribute the weekly newsletter	On-going	Network members have a better awareness of programs and services and are able to refer clients to relevant resources
Network health	• Recruit new CHN members who align with our goals and reflect the region's demographics	On-going	The CHN has a membership that is reflective of our goal areas and community. We have the relevant people to support our work

Network health	• Update CHN's logo and communications	Summer 2023	The CHN is clearly identifiable and has a larger profile in the community
Network health	• Conduct a CHN evaluation	Fall 2023	The CHN understands how to meet members' needs and fills identified gaps