

Mandate/Purpose of ITC Health Committee

- ✓ The overall purpose of the ITC health Committee is to provide a forum to address health policy issues affecting Inuit and to make recommendation to the Board of Directors of ITC on various Health policies
- ✓ To provide a mechanism for all Inuit regions to share information on Inuit health policy issues
- ✓ To act as a forum for national co-ordination on matters relating to Inuit health programs and policies, including the design and implementation of new programs
- ✓ To provide a vehicle for monitoring Health Canada initiatives and assisting regional Inuit associations and *other Health Committee member organizations* in ongoing and current issues within the Inuit health field

Comments:

Mandate/Purpose of ITC Health Committee Cont.

- ✓ To act as a clearinghouse, where issues can be tabled and recommendations can be developed for presentation to the Minister of Health
- ✓ To provide a place where research topic areas and position papers could be discussed and strategized upon before they are actually submitted for funding
- ✓ To sit on sub-committees and provide representation for W/G, S.C. as required
- ✓ To guide/provide input into the work done by ITC Health Department staff

Comments:

- ✓ *Mention the mandate/mission/objective as set out by the ITC Board of Directors and why as an introduction to these points*
- ✓ *The passion and importance of why we come together as Inuit people – make it a stronger statement with obvious spirit of intent*

ITC Health Committee Membership

The six Regional Inuit Associations, Pauktuutit Nunavut Social Development Council and *the National Inuit Youth Council* will appoint a representative who has the background, experience and interest in health policy along with representatives from ITC to be on the Health Committee:

- ✓ Kivalliq Inuit Association
- ✓ Qikiqtani Inuit Association
- ✓ Kitimeot Inuit Association
- ✓ Nunavik Regional Board of Health & Social Services
- ✓ Inuvialuit Regional corporation
- ✓ Labrador Inuit Health Commission
- ✓ Pauktuutit
- ✓ Nunavut Social Development Council
- ✓ *National Inuit Youth Council*

Health Committee Decision Making Process

- Recommendations
- Issue - 4 representatives from Nunavut
- Will reflect on membership if beyond advisory
- Majority/minority opinions to go to Board as one option
- Decision making has traditionally worked in a consensus mode
- Consensus model the we will use going forward

Things That Need Clarification

- Establish policies and procedures
- Determine levels of responsibilities
- Determine who/how to co-ordinate representation at the numerous meetings
- Need a focused strategic planning session
- This committee is strategic in nature
- ITC Health Department to prepare a position paper or document (with options) for terms of reference – to be reviewed at the next face-to-face (One time activity)
- Strategic priorities – Committee's Business Plans – should include the Committee in drafting
- At next meeting where we review terms of reference ½ day

Meetings, Quorum & Governance

- ✓ The Health Committee shall hold at least three face-to-face meetings per year at a location to be determined.
- ✓ If other national meetings are being conducted, attempts will be made to have a meeting prior to and following these meetings
- ✓ Additional meetings may be conducted by telephone conference approximately one hour in length
- ✓ A quorum shall consist of five of eight members being present - alternates provided by the representative are acceptable
- ✓ The Committee Chair to be elected from and by Committee members

Accounting and Reporting

- ✓ Each representative will be accountable to their organization and will report on regular bases on the workings of the (Inuit Technical Committee on Health)
- ✓ The Committee is collectively accountable to the ITC Board and secondly accountable to their parent appointing organizations

Roles/Responsibilities of Committee Representatives

- ✓ Participating in meetings and calls and providing meaningful input into the Committee and the process
- ✓ Review material and information provided by the ITC and ITC Health Department for its applicability to their communities; pass these onto them then provide feedback back to ITC.
- ✓ Make recommendations to the ITC Board or direct ITC staff to make representations to appropriate Departments. (Material departures from existing policy will normally result in recommendations to the ITC Board
- ✓ Keeping each other informed on any matters pertaining to Inuit Health issues.
- ✓ Representing ITC interests at various National Committees if requested by the ITC Health Committee (because of expertise, interest or location); then provide timely briefing material from such meetings to ITC for distribution to the entire Health Committee.

Roles/Responsibilities of ITC Health Department

- ✓ ITC Health Department staff will be the Health link and liaison between the Regions and Health Canada. This link does not preclude the Regions from making their own representation to Health Canada.
- ✓ ITC Health Department staff will gather the relevant health related information and forward it to the Regions.
- ✓ ITC Health Department staff will attempt to consolidate Regional responses in a collective position or recommendation for consideration by the Committee
- ✓ ITC Health Department staff will be responsible for organizing and conducting conference calls and meetings:
 - Drafting agendas for consideration
 - Preparations
 - Undertaking the necessary follow-up work as a result of the calls and meetings

Comments:

Carry out decisions and objectives of the Committee

Roles/Responsibilities of the Regions

- ✓ Review material and information provided by the ITC and ITC Health Department for its applicability to their communities; pass these onto them then provide feedback back to ITC.