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Asset Map and Gap Analysis – Preliminary Report

The Asset Map and Gap Analysis research has been compiled into a Preliminary Report, available for download on the Framework website. This report is a snapshot of the many respiratory health activities, programs, strategies and policies that took place in Canada in 2007. On the website, you will find links to reports and information about specific programs, as well as a brief Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis.

The authors of the Preliminary Report raise many interesting and provocative questions, giving the respiratory health community much to consider. Having this information pulled together in one report illustrates many of the successes and accomplishments that have been achieved in Canada, but also serves to illustrate the areas in which we can – and should – improve. As it is difficult to capture everything in a single report, we are actively seeking ways of identifying and sharing best-practices, promising practices, and other information tools through an online database – starting with the resources that were identified as part of the Asset Map and Gap Analysis.

Next Steps

In the upcoming months, we will be collaborating with stakeholders to identify a strategy to make the resources found in the Asset Map Database widely available. Part of this strategy will include the creation of an advisory committee (including expert reviewers) to ensure that stakeholders are engaged in the development of criteria for inclusion.

As part of the Framework's commitment to ensuring that it is coordinated with, and supportive of, provincial and territorial strategies, workshops will be taking place in each province and territory throughout the fall. These workshops will focus on providing feedback on the work that has been completed to date, to exchange information and to identify strategies for coordinating components of the action plan.

We will continue to work closely with provincial and territorial governments through established federal-provincial-territorial networks and committees, as well as expanding and enhancing our collaborative dialogue on a one-on-one level.

Finally, to ensure that the Framework is on the agenda of public policy makers at the federal level, we will be highlighting for the government and Parliamentarians, the positive impact this initiative will have on Canada's health care system, the economy, and most importantly, on the key role it can play in building a healthier Canadian population.

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