

COMMUNIQUÉ NO. 8: DEVELOPMENT OF THE ACTION PLAN-PHASE II

The National Lung Health Framework Document now online, development of the Action Plan underway

After two years of development and input from over 500 stakeholders, the Framework Document is now complete. This document outlines the vision, principles, goals and strategic areas for action identified by stakeholders from across Canada. It is the “Where do we need to go?” document, providing a tool that decision-makers can use in their strategic planning processes.

The Framework Document outlines the existing and planned strategies and activities to improve respiratory health in Canada, while also providing useful statistics, background information and references. To view a copy of the Framework Document, please go to http://www.lung.ca/about-propos/framework-cadre_e.php.

Phase II, the Framework Action Plan, is now being developed by key stakeholders. This is the “How do we get there?” document, which will outline the strategies and activities that can be achieved through national, provincial, territorial and regional action and/or adaptation. As well, the Action Plan will help the stakeholders identify activities and targets to be achieved on a short, medium or long term basis.

This multi-year Action Plan will look at ways of supporting the work done at each jurisdictional level (promoting partnerships; enabling the sharing of best practices and resources; working with existing and emerging frameworks, strategies and initiatives to increase alignment and, where possible, collaboration.)

The Respiratory Health Knowledge Exchange Portal

During the Framework consultations, stakeholders identified a need for a centralized knowledge exchange portal that would provide access to a range of information sources and databases (a “one-stop shop”). The Respiratory Health Knowledge Exchange Portal would broaden the effect of the many examples of excellence in respiratory health programming and research in Canada by:

- Providing an accessible home for the asset map database that was initiated in the spring of 2006 and is currently being updated and refined
- Providing stakeholders with access to databases, information about programs and research about their own fields, as well as other fields that may provide potential partnership opportunities
- Leading the way for similar platforms for other health and disease strategies that share common areas of interest

As different options were researched, it became clear that a more sophisticated and interactive application would better facilitate and promote knowledge exchange among users. This is an opportunity to turn a simple information-sharing portal into a larger initiative that will work with stakeholders to help facilitate networking, share knowledge, promote research findings, and expand access to best practices/promising practices across the country.

What are the next steps?

The development of the Action Plan is taking place in several steps.

Nationally, we are working to refine key activities identified in the Framework document that will enhance the state of respiratory health across Canada, while respecting and complementing provincial and territorial initiatives.

To oversee the development of the Asset Map and Portal, we have hired Rachel Brown as our Knowledge Exchange Manager. Working with a committee of experts, Rachel will develop the processes necessary to re-design and implement the Asset Map and Portal.

Locally, we are working with our provincial and territorial partners to identify existing and planned strategies and activities to ensure continued alignment of the national Framework with local frameworks, strategies and initiatives.

Finally, we will be working with the Interim Steering Committee, a diverse group of experts with experience working and living in multiple stakeholder groups. With their advice and input, we hope to ensure that the Action Plan will be relevant and tangible to all stakeholders.

Mark your calendars

Summer/Fall 2008.....Phase II, Development of the Action Plan

Winter 2008/9.....Public Launch of the National Lung Health Framework

Keeping connected

As we work toward the launch of the National Lung Health Framework, we will continue to provide you with updates. For more information and/or to share input, please contact:

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