

# Community Health Needs Assessments

## What is our mandate?

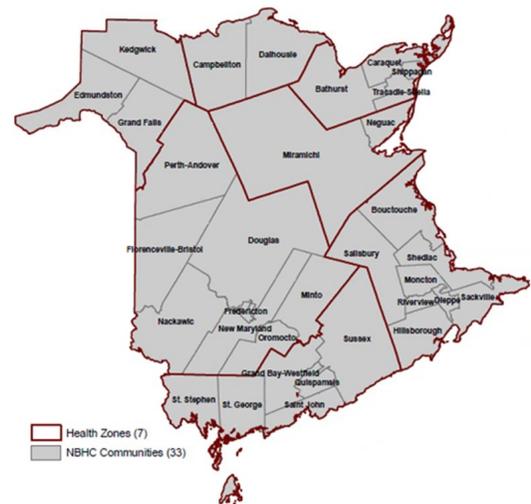
- ◆ Both Regional Health Authorities in New Brunswick have a legislated responsibility to ensure that members of the public are consulted to identify the health needs of the population including the need for health services, the priorities for delivering needed health services, and whether health needs are being met.
- ◆ Community Health Needs Assessments (CHNA) are an on-going process that seek to identify and define the health and wellness strengths and needs for 33 community clusters geographically designated by the New Brunswick Health Council. This results in the establishment of priorities that inform responsive action aiming to improve the health status of the population.
- ◆ Using a *Population Health Approach* informed by the *Social Determinants of Health*, the CHNA process assists in strengthening baseline information on health and wellness and the factors that influence the overall health of the communities within a given cluster.

## How does our mandate serve the community?

- ◆ The CHNA process is designed to be responsive to the local context, but also provide a broader understanding of the health of New Brunswick residents. This evidence-based information serves to guide planning for local health services and supports that are rooted in evidence and the capacity to track changes over time.

## Who are our community partners?

- ◆ CHNAs are grounded in a Community Development Framework that recognizes the need for collaboration with community members, stakeholders and a wide variety of partners involved in decision-making processes within the health care system.
- ◆ Our partners are those who support the health and wellness of New Brunswick Citizens within any given cluster of communities. This often includes engaged residents, NGOs, volunteer organizations and associations, the not-for-profit sector, faith-based organizations, and other government departments.



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