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Purpose

The Board of Health believes that it has a paramount role within Sudbury and districts in planning for and ensuring the provision of community-based programs and services for the prevention of disease and the promotion and protection of health. This role can be significantly enhanced by extensive consultation and collaboration with appropriate ministries of government, municipal and district planning authorities, agencies and institutions whose activities are directed at disease prevention and health promotion and protection, and with the general public.

To this end, the Board of Health will ensure that administration develops and implements community engagement and stakeholder engagement strategies to

- Provide information to the public on the Agency's mission, programs and services.
- Collaborate with various levels of government, community agencies and institutions in the provision of human resources, programs and services directed towards disease prevention and health protection and promotion.

- Work collaboratively with community agencies and institutions to coordinate the provision of human resources, programs and services directed towards disease prevention and health protection and promotion.
- Encourage collective community action to mobilize strengths and build community capacity to act on issues impacting population health.
- Engage in multi-sectoral collaboration with municipalities and other stakeholders, including people with lived and living experience in decreasing health inequities in accordance with the *Health Equity Guideline, 2018* (or as current).
- Build and further develop the relationship with Indigenous communities that is meaningful for them and in accordance with the *Relationship with Indigenous Communities Guideline, 2018* (or as current).
- Recognize and respect unique factors to co-design engagement strategies that reflect the needs of partners, stakeholders, and members of the public.
- Engage with community partners, stakeholders, and the public, including priority populations, in the assessment, planning, development, implementation, and evaluation of strategies for public health programming and research.
- Collaborate with various agencies and institutions in advocating for healthy public policy.
- Monitor and evaluate these partnerships to determine effectiveness and identify and address gaps.