



COMMUNIQUÉ No. 9

Steering Committee Devoted to the Future of Respiratory Health

In November 2008, the Interim Steering Committee adopted a revised terms of reference and accepted the role of the Framework Steering Committee, a governing body tasked with ongoing stewardship and oversight of the National Lung Health Framework governance and implementation. The Steering Committee remains committed to respecting diversity, transparency and consistency, ensuring the Framework governance is representative of a broad range of stakeholder experience, and that the Framework remains inclusive, dynamic and focused on the vision and goals identified by over 500 stakeholders who have participated in its development.

Development of the Action Plan

With the help of over 500 stakeholders, we have completed the Framework document (http://www.lung.ca/about-propos/framework-cadre_e.php). Since last fall, we have been working on clarifying what needs to be done to achieve the goals outlined in the Framework through the development of an action plan.

The action plan will be the details of work already underway to meet these goals, and gaps that need to be filled. In addition to the action plan, a case for support was made to the federal government, who is looking to realize its election commitment of \$10 million dollars as initial seed funding to enhance existing work, and to begin targeted, foundational initiatives. Should federal funding be announced, a further communiqué will provide information on where the government intends to invest and how to access funds for projects under the Framework strategies

In addition, the Steering Committee has been working to develop national success indicators for each of the Framework strategies. Members are also in the process of identifying organizations who are already leading or who intend to initiate and oversee recognized activities in each strategy. Where gaps exist, the plan is to identify possible funding sources, other support mechanisms and partners to assist in achieving meaningful results.

Provincial and Territorial Collaboration and Alignment

Since the initial meeting of the National Lung Health Framework, and the Provincial and Territorial engagement workshops, many provinces and territories have begun to develop local lung health frameworks and strategies. The momentum created by a national call for action encouraged stakeholders and governments at the provincial and regional level to come together and develop plans which align with or incorporate the goals, objectives and strategies identified in the National Lung Health Framework. Specific lung health strategies are in development by stakeholders in Nova Scotia, Ontario, New Brunswick and Alberta. A key component of the National Lung Health Framework will be enhancing communications, building alignments and facilitating knowledge exchange between these provincial/territorial and regional strategies.

The Respiratory Health Knowledge Exchange Hub & Collaboration Centre

We have been working hard to bring stakeholders a “one stop shop” for respiratory health and a virtual meeting centre. We are pleased to announce the preliminary work is complete.

We invite you to come have a look at the **National Lung Health Framework Collaboration Centre**.

The Collaboration Centre is currently a “work in progress”, part of a knowledge exchange portal/hub hosted by the Canadian Network for Public Health Intelligence (CNPHI).

It provides a free online space where the respiratory health community from across Canada will be able to **collaborate, share knowledge** and **find information**. Its key features will be useful to work groups and individuals alike, including:

- News and discussions boards
- Document sharing
- Asset Map database
- Links to surveillance resources

To become a registered user/work group or simply to find out more, please contact Rachel Brown at the Lung Association – National Office: rbrown@lung.ca or 613-569-6411 ext.257

What are the next steps?

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

- Tracking existing and planned initiatives and projects
- Finalizing success indicators for the Framework strategies
- Developing the Peer Review Process of key strategic and foundational activities within the Framework Action Plan

We are continuing to work 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.

We are also in the final stages of developing the National Lung Health Framework website which will be live April 2009. The address will be www.lunghealthframework.ca.

Finally, we will be working with the Steering Committee, a diverse group of experts, to ensure ongoing development of the Framework Action Plan.

Mark your calendars

April 2009.....Launch of the National Lung Health Framework Website
April 26-28, 2009.....4th Conference of the Canadian Sleep Society
May 21-23, 2009.....YI Forum
November 2-3, 2009.....CTS Scientific Program 2009
November 12-14, 2009.....ASED –National Respiratory Care and Education Conference

To share your upcoming events with the respiratory community, please contact:

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