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# Alberta Addiction and Mental Health Strategy

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# Alberta Addiction and Mental Health Strategy

- Sets the direction for *Policy, Legislation* and *Standards* for Addiction and Mental Health Services in Alberta
- Purpose:
  - ➔ reduce prevalence through health promotion and prevention activities;
  - ➔ provide quality assessment, treatment and supportive services.

# Vision

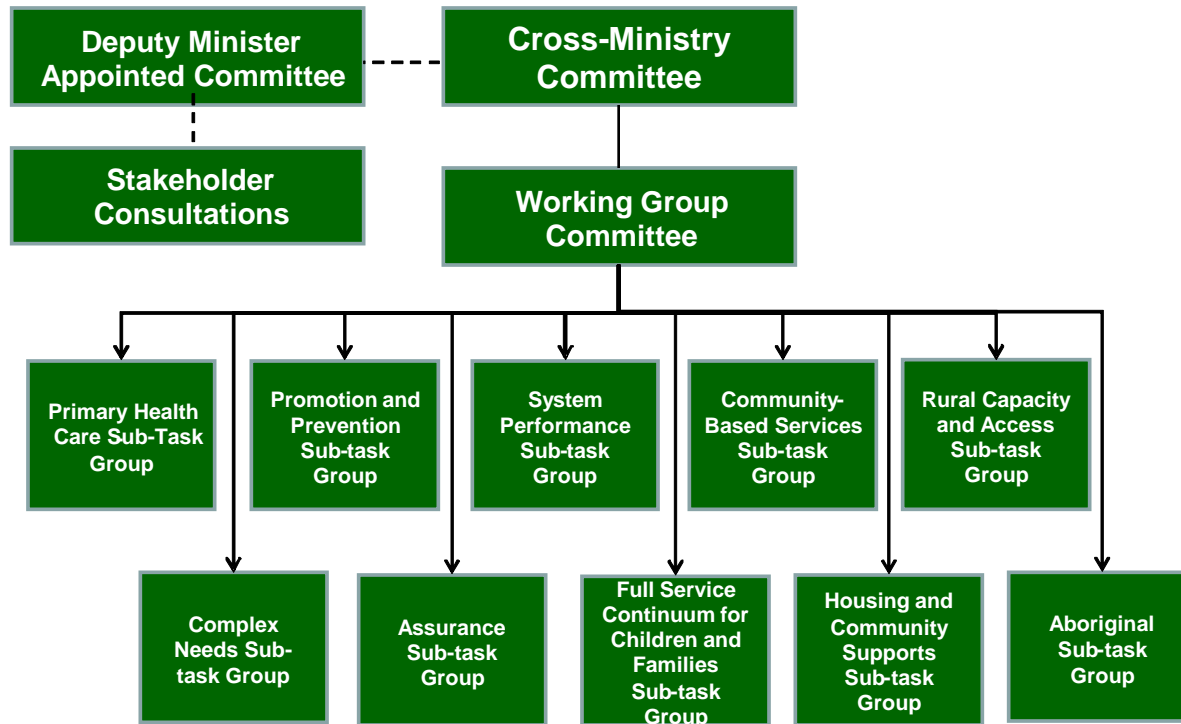
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*Healthy communities promoting mental well-being  
enabled by comprehensive, coordinated and  
compassionate addiction and mental health services.*

# What was Considered in the Development Phase

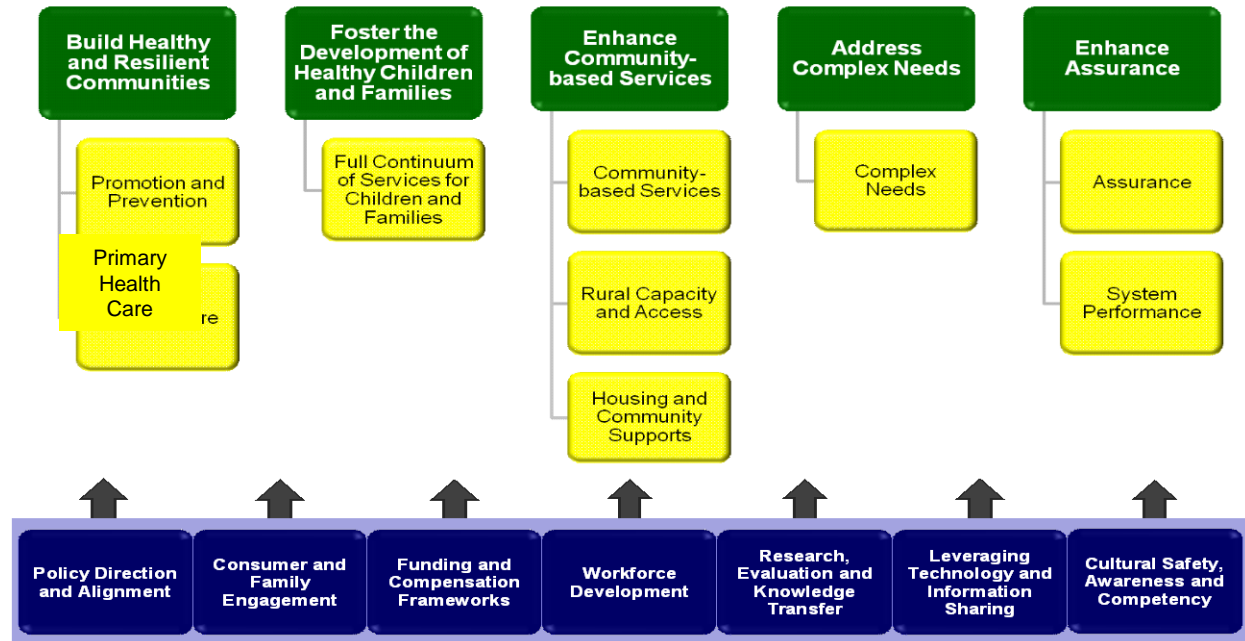
- Build on previous work: AHS, stakeholder and public consultations, other jurisdictions.
- Restructuring of healthcare service delivery in Alberta
  - one provincial health authority.
- Address and prioritize needs along the entire service delivery continuum.
- Cross-Ministry approach
- Consider the needs of specific sub-populations

# How the Strategy was Developed



# Strategic Directions, Priorities and Enablers

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# Focus of Strategy

- Enhance prevention and promotion
- Enhance primary health care
- Enhance community-based services
- Improve effectiveness of acute and specialized and tertiary services
- Children, youth, families, seniors, First Nations, Metis and Inuit, and at-risk populations
- Improve seamlessness of transitions and access to services through integrated case management

# Strategic Directions

1. Build Healthy and Resilient Communities
  - promotion and prevention
  - primary health care
2. Foster the Development of Healthy Children, Youth and Families
  - full continuum of services for children and families
3. Enhance Community-Based Services, Capacity and Supports
  - community-based services
  - rural capacity and access
  - housing and community supports
4. Address Complex Needs
5. Enhance Assurance



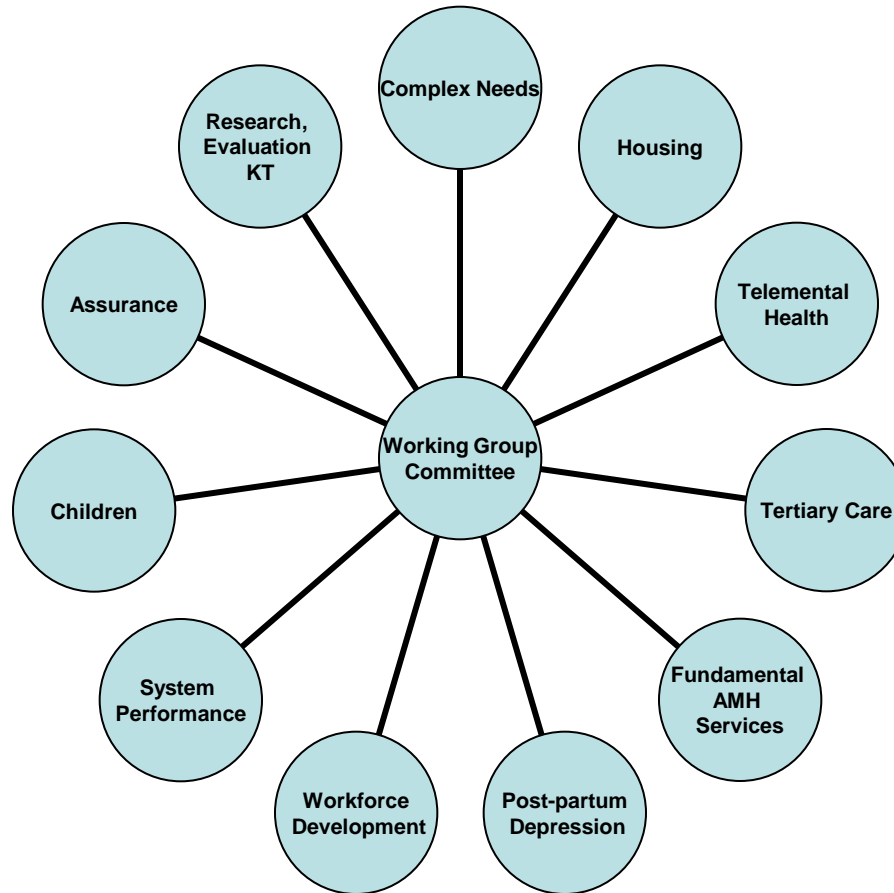
# Key Enablers

- Policy direction and alignment
- Funding and compensation frameworks
- Individuals with lived experience and family engagement
- Workforce development
- Research, evaluation and knowledge translation
- Leveraging technology and information sharing
- Cultural safety, awareness and competence

# Work Under Way

- Governance structure to direct and monitor implementation :
  - ➔ ADM Committee
  - ➔ Secretariat
  - ➔ Working Group Committee – 11 priority initiatives / detailed Ministries and Alberta Health Services implementation plans
  - ➔ Sub groups - stakeholders; expert advisors, GOA and AHS reps

# Priority Initiatives



# Priority Initiative: Housing and Supports

- Housing and Supports Framework
  - ➔ A comprehensive framework is needed to better align housing options and wrap-around services
  - ➔ To assist the Government of Alberta in making evidence-based decisions
  
- Proposed Outcomes
  - ➔ a more coordinated approach to GoA housing models and supports
  - ➔ a stronger evidence base of information and research

# Housing and Supports Framework

- The Framework will include:
  - ➔ literature and jurisdictional reviews;
  - ➔ common definitions;
  - ➔ existing housing options, and criteria to access these options;
  - ➔ Albertans' needs for housing options, required supports and treatment options; and
  - ➔ a gap analysis of housing options and supports available in Alberta.

# Questions



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