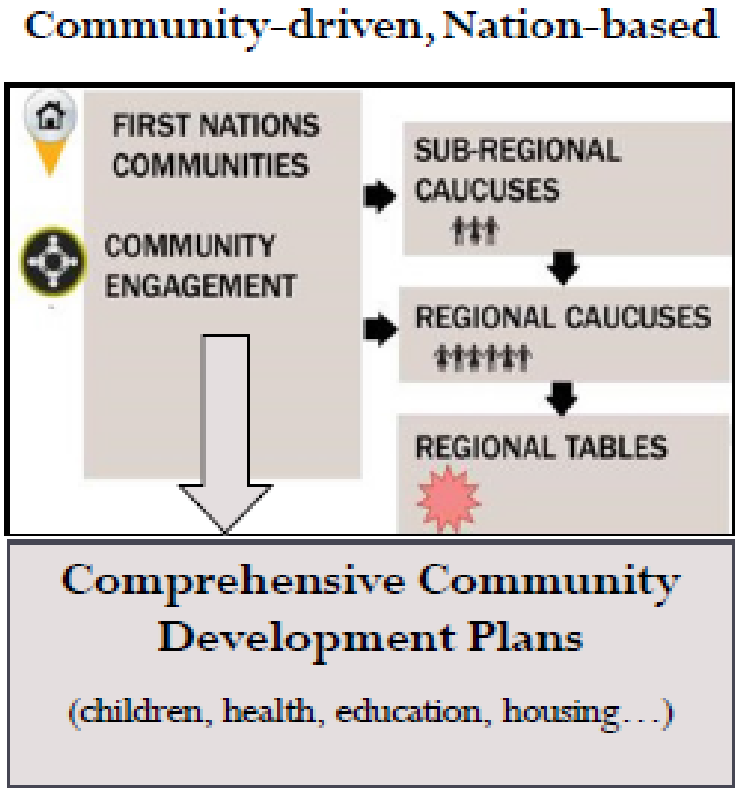
Reporting Reform: a BC First Nations Data Governance Initiative Objective

Timely access to quality data to plan, manage, and account for, investments in First Nations wellbeing. *BCFNDGI Vision*

BC FN Data Governance Initiative

- **A comprehensive approach to governing, planning, measuring and reporting on investments in First Nations' well-being.**



The B.C. First Nations' Data Governance Initiative will serve to unite and guide B.C. First Nations, First Nations organizations and government partners, towards their shared outcome: well-being for First Nations.

Transformative Change

FROM…

- 1. Program-based, departmentalized corporate reporting...
- 2. Fragmented Grants and Contributions Model...
- 3. Independent, program/activity (silo)- based relationships…
- 4. Haphazard access to administrative data systems, by capable communities...

TO…

- 1. Community-based, comprehensive socio-economic outcome reporting.
- 2. Integrated Social Investment and Planning Model.
- 3. Collaborative, inter-departmental and tri-partite relationships.
- 4. Access to standardized administrative applications available to all communities.

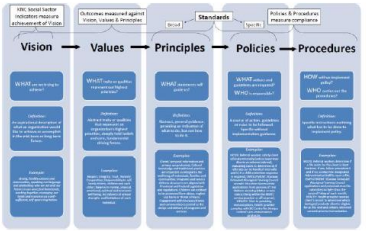
Planning and Reporting Standards Projects

Community Planning Standards

- **Review Demonstration Site Comprehensive Community Plans, Health and Wellness Plans, and other relevant Community-based plans;**
- **Establish common planning framework, building upon the federal Health Canada Community Planning Framework and the wellness determinants approach;**
- **Recommend overarching Community Planning Framework; engagement, pre-planning, strategic planning, indicator development, work planning, activity monitoring and evaluation;**

Community Reporting Standards

- **Work with AANDC HQ - programs and Audit and Evaluation branch to define minimum reporting elements;**
- **Identify various key, reliable, sustainable sources of data, locally, provincially, nationally;**
- **Identify Community reporting interests and document existing best and better practices;**
- **Establish reporting reform priorities beyond Income Assistance;**
- **Harmonize reporting with Tripartite Committee on Health and the First Nations Health Authority.**



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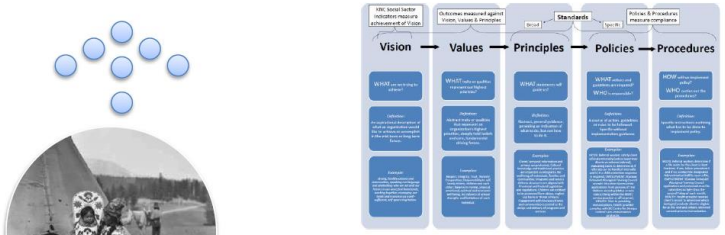

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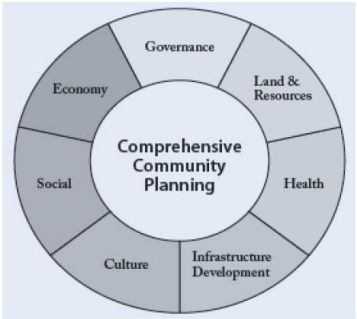

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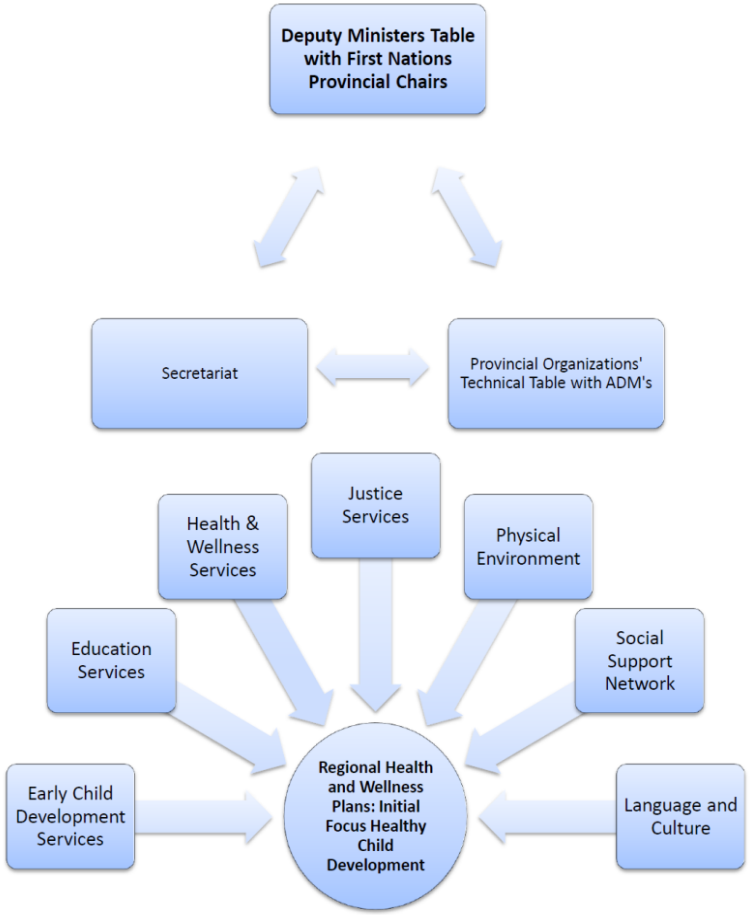

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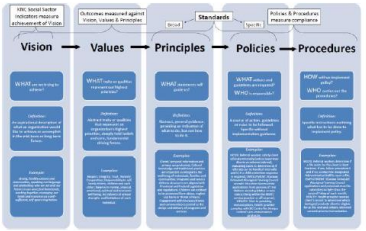

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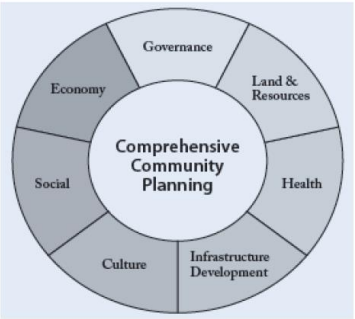

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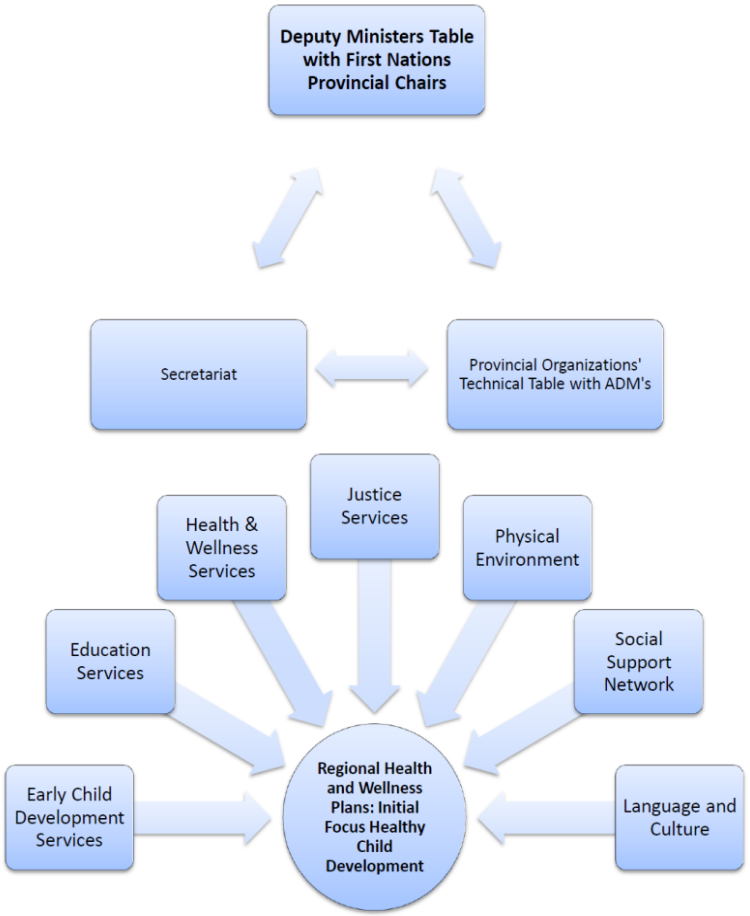

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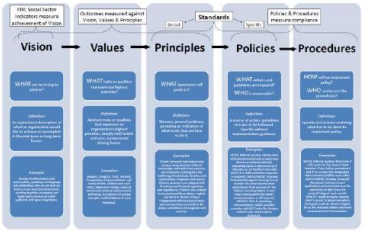

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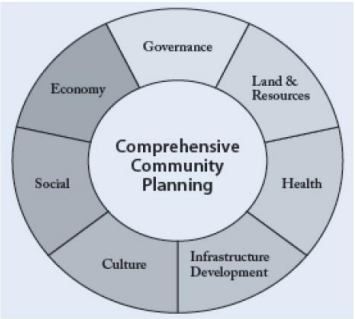


THE GOVERNMENT: "Support good governance, rights and interests of Aboriginal Peoples."	THE PEOPLE: "Individual, family and community well-being for First Nations and Inuit."	THE LAND AND ECONOMY: "Full participation of First Nations, Métis, Non-Status Indians and Inuit individuals and communities in the economy."	THE NORTH: "Self-reliance, prosperity and well-being for the people and communities of the North."

Data Collection Instruments Aligned with Determinants of Well-being

Healthy Child Development	Physical Environments	Culture	Health Services	Personal Health Practices and Coping Skills	Social Environments	Social Support Networks	Biology and Genetic Endowment	Gender	Education	Employment/ Working Conditions	Income and Social Status

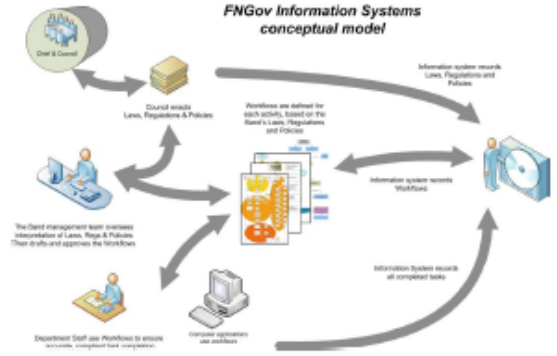
Comprehensive Community Plans and Nation Rebuilding Plans Aligned with Determinants of Well-being

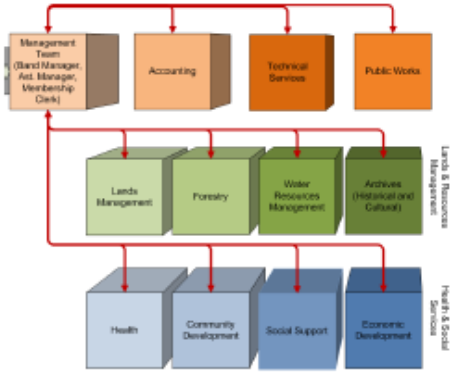
First Nations' Information Management Systems, Policies and Procedures: reporting on community well-being

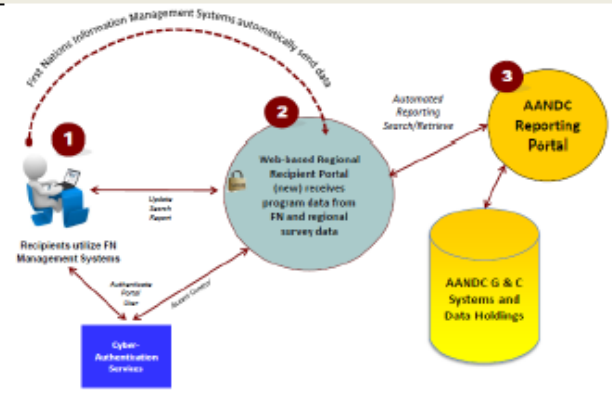
define and administer workflows to effectively manage resources, collect data, protect data and people, reduce errors, minimize risk and facilitate ease of reporting and data sharing

Federal Information Management Systems, Policies and Procedures: reporting on spending authorities

access to timely, pertinent, consistent and accurate information that supports planning/policy, resource allocation, programming decisions, and monitoring/oversight required to fulfill accountability, legal and statutory obligations







Deploy Existing Systems in all First Nations	Refine and Align Data Collection Instruments	Develop Regional and National Portals

DATA COLLECTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES: Efficient, effective, and innovative information technology (IT) is a key enabler to achieving well-managed information in support of policies, programs, and services.

1. AANDC will make reasonable efforts to ensure that *data collection is cost effective and sustainable* for *both transfer payment recipients and the Department*.
2. AANDC will make reasonable efforts to ensure that the *data collected is reliable, accurate* and trustworthy.
3. AANDC *will provide electronic forms and technologies for all data collection* instruments.

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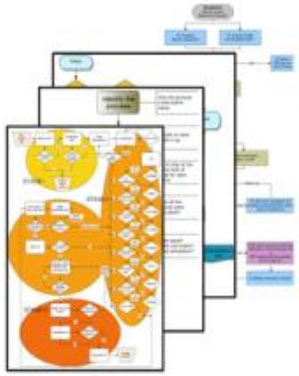
FNGov Information Systems conceptual model

Council enacts
Laws, Regulations & Policies

Information system records
Laws, Regulations and
Policies

Workflows are defined for
each activity, based on the
Band's Laws, Regulations
and Policies

The Band management team oversees
interpretation of Laws, Regs & Policies
Then drafts and approves the Workflows



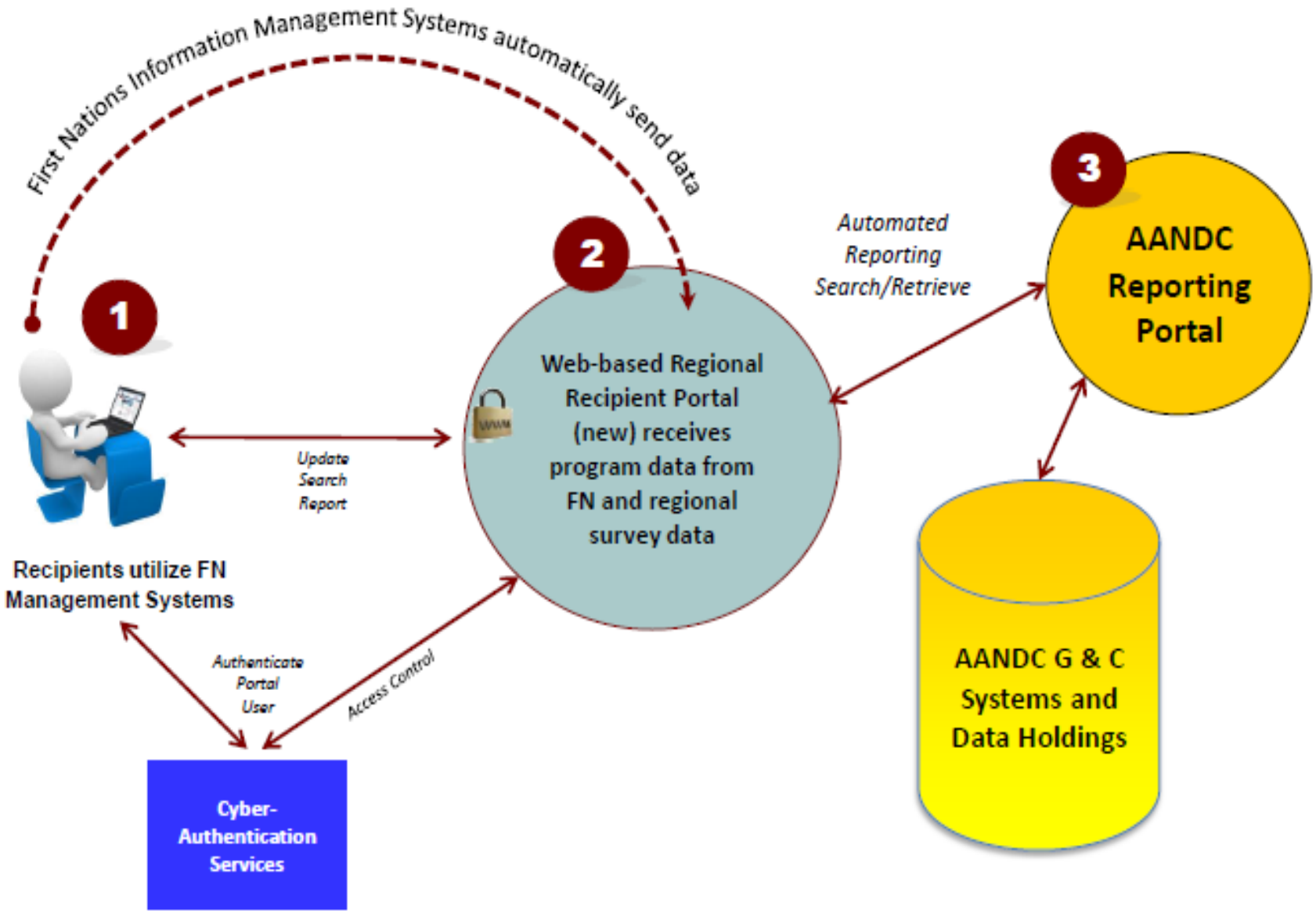
Information system records
Workflows

Department Staff use Workflows to ensure
accurate, compliant task completion

Computer applications
use workflows

Information System records
all completed tasks

Automated Reporting of Minimum Data Elements



Ownership, Control, Access and Possession

The First Nations Principles of OCAP® (ownership, control, access, and possession) means that First Nations control data collection processes in their communities. First Nations own, protect and control how their information is used. Access to First Nations data is important and First Nations determine, under appropriate mandates and protocols, how access to external researchers are facilitated and respected.

The right of First Nations communities to own, control, access, and possess information about their peoples is fundamentally tied to self-determination and to the preservation and development of their culture. OCAP® allows a community to make decisions regarding why, how and by whom information is collected, used or shared.

The FNIGC has trademarked OCAP® and the Principles of OCAP®, and have also developed a certification process for research to be OCAP® compliant!

National Surveys

- The First Nations Information Governance Centre (FNIGC) is an incorporated non-profit operating with a special mandate from the Assembly of First Nations' Chiefs in Assembly (Resolution #48, December 2009).
- The FNIGC is the organization that is funded by Canada to oversee the conduct of national surveys; this started with the Regional Health Survey (RHS) and has expanded greatly.
- Each province/territory is considered a Region, and each Region sends one member and one Director, to be on the National Board. FNHA is currently the member organization for BC and Gwen Phillips has been acting as the Director for BC Region, and Doug Kelly the member, of the FNIGC society.
- FNIGC and its Regional Partners across Canada carry out unique data gathering initiatives about the lives of First Nations people: Regional Health Survey, Regional Employment, Education and Early Childhood Development Survey, Community Survey…
- FNIGC has an on-line data centre and tools for researchers and also provides training in OCAP®.

BC FN Information Governance Centre:
Indigenous Control of Indigenous Data

- BC and the other Regions are exploring concept of Regional FNIGCs; right now the FNHA has been hosting BC surveys, but they have gone far beyond FNHA's core mandate.
- Rather than split all survey work amongst various FN organizations, consider building one provincial FN Data Centre – a BCFNIGC, aligned with the BC AFN.
- A provincial Data Centre could include all BC First Nations organizations to assist with survey design, but maintain consistent Data Governance and Information Management capacity regardless of whether there is a national survey under way.
- Development of regional and provincial infrastructure for data governance and information management could be steered by the Nations of each Region through the caucus structure.
- GW Forum would receive reports from various Sectors, on the progress towards achieving Vision of healthy, vibrant and self-determining BC First Nations.