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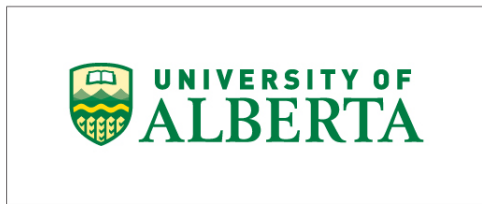
**BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES THROUGH
ACTION ON THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS**

Data infrastructure to understand and improve the social determinants of health in Alberta

A cross-ministry conversation to explore value, challenges, and opportunities

Planning team

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Rationale

- If we wish to strengthen public health, we need to demonstrate its value
- One key resource for doing so: ***data infrastructure***
- The primary determinants of population health and well-being reflect public policy outside of the health care sector
- This demands an inter-ministerial conversation

Meeting objectives

- To provide a forum for a cross-ministerial conversation about data infrastructure vis-à-vis the social determinants of health in Alberta
- To learn from stakeholders in different ministries
 - Value
 - Challenges
- To explore, as appropriate, opportunities to work together towards such data infrastructure

Meeting participants (March 12 2019, Edmonton)

Groups in attendance	
Government of Alberta	• Alberta Health
	• Justice and Solicitor General
	• Service Alberta
	• Community and Social Services
Alberta Health Services	• Public Health Surveillance and Infrastructure (including Healthy Public Policy Unit)
	• Population, Public and Indigenous Health Strategic Clinical Network
Universities	• University of Calgary

Meeting highlights

- Some *benefits* of cross-ministry data sharing:
 - Provide evidence to inform policy decisions
 - Support improved outcomes for clients
 - Increase efficiency and coordination

Meeting highlights (cont'd)

- Some ***challenges and barriers*** to cross-ministry data sharing:
 - The data itself (e.g., quality, link-ability)
 - Ministry culture (e.g., risk aversion)
 - Processes and policies around ownership (legislation)
 - Trust

Inter-ministerial data sharing - *needs*

- **Framework** to support and govern data sharing across ministries
 - Leadership, legislation, knowledge translation
- **Infrastructure** (data hub) that includes partnership agreements and processes with clear roles, responsibility and accountability
- **Vision** of data sharing that is not project-specific but anchored in a population health / social determinants of health perspective

Opportunities and next steps

- Leverage current projects where data sharing has been achieved
 - Potential prototype
- Build Community of Practice within Government of Alberta
 - Begin with one-day showcase, to build awareness and share information across ministries
- Identify working group members and convene follow-up meeting
 - Fall 2019

Thank you.

Questions or comments?

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