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

**Working towards unity of purpose in
public health education:**

**Starting a conversation across three Alberta post-
secondary institutions**

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Rationale

- Importance of *working towards unity of purpose in public health*
- One avenue for pursuing that goal: *public health education*
- Potential value for Alberta
 - Create a strong public health workforce
 - Create a foundation for advocating for public health in the province

Meeting goal

- To **initiate a dialogue** across existing public health education programs at three Alberta post-secondary institutions
- Consider opportunities to work towards a **common foundation** for public health education in Alberta
 - Respects and builds on the strengths and unique contexts of existing programs.

Our meeting (Feb 11 2019, Calgary)

Institution	Program represented
University of Alberta	• MPH, School of Public Health
	• MSc, School of Public Health
	• PhD, School of Public Health
University of Lethbridge	• Bachelor of Health Sciences, Major: Public Health
	• Bachelor of Health Sciences / Bachelor of Management Combined Degree Program
	• Post-Diploma Bachelor of Health Sciences (Major: Public Health; Minor: Health Leadership)
University of Calgary	• Bachelor of Health Sciences, Health & Society Major
	• MSc/PhD in Community Health Sciences, Population & Public Health specialization
	• Public Health & Preventive Medicine (PHPM) Residency Program

Our meeting (cont'd)

- High-level program summaries prepared and circulated in advance
- ***Facilitated discussion:***
 1. How might we work together to share and leverage collective resources, such as course offerings?
 2. How can we strengthen relationships among and transitions between different programs?
 3. How can we work to ensure a robust balance between applied public health and its theoretical underpinnings?

Meeting outcomes

- Opportunity to make connections and learn about different programs
- Enthusiasm to build synergy by connecting pockets of activity
- Some specific ideas
 1. Provincial public health scholarship program
 2. Provincial summer school (e.g., public health advocacy)
 3. Public health competency assessment
 4. Mechanism for sharing information across programs and institutions (e.g., course offerings, faculty research)

Next steps

- Follow-up meeting: November 2019 in Edmonton

Thank you.

Questions or comments?

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