



Pan-Canadian Practice Network Meetings & Agendas

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Purpose Of The Meeting

The Pan-Canadian Practice Network meets approximately five times per year for one hour to learn about successful strategies to advance sustainability efforts within the Canadian health system and discuss how we can work collectively to adapt and implement these approaches across different healthcare settings in Canada.



Meeting Flow

Myles Boonstra from Shared Health Manitoba and Mary Lynn Van Tassel from IWK Health co-chair the Practice Network. They provide the

The Practice Network members have expertise and responsibilities in their portfolio related to planetary health, sustainable care or associated areas. Through their participation in the meetings, members contribute to the identification and implementation of prioritized initiatives. They participate in knowledge sharing and resource co-creation within the Network and support external communications for knowledge dissemination.

☒ Opening & Welcome

☒ Network logistics

☒ Learning opportunities and/or resource co-creation

☒ Discussions

☒ Closing & Next Steps

Meeting 6: December 2026

This meeting will be facilitated by our two ch-Chairs, Mary Lynn Van Tassel from IWK Health and Myles Boonstra from Shared Health Manitoba. Special guests speakers include an expert on CSA standards, and Mike Shoesmith from Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO).



Operating the Network

The Coordination and Support Team will share an update on evaluating the performance of the Network after our first year. Participants will also discuss the co-chair selection for the upcoming year.



CSA standards panel

An overview of relevant standards and how they can support sustainability efforts in healthcare, followed by perspectives from health authorities and healthcare delivery organizations on using CSA standards as a lever to advance sustainability efforts. The knowledge-sharing session will conclude with a facilitated discussion.



Meeting 5: September 2026

This meeting was facilitated by our two ch-Chairs, Mary Lynn Van Tassel from IWK Health and Myles Boonstra from Shared Health Manitoba. Guest speakers included Arianna Cruz, Annie Lalande and Tiffany Chiang from Vancouver Coastal Health and Jennifer Reynold from Nourish.



Operating the Network

Mary Lynn Van Tassel and Myles Boonstra updated the members on the emerging work plan for indentifying a core set of priorities and adapting engagement approach.



Environmental Stewardship in Practice: Supporting Accreditation Readiness

Arianna Cruz shared an update on the co-created resource to guide accreditation readiness.



Sustainable Inpatient Food Systems

Annie Lalande introduced how transformation of healthcare foodservices can improve planetary health. Jennifer Reynolds shared the impact of Nourish and opportunities for engagement. Tiffany Chiang shared a case example using the VCH Planetary Health Menu Initiative.





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Meeting 4: June 2026

This meeting was facilitated by our two ch-Chairs, Mary Lynn Van Tassel from IWK Health and Myles Boonstra from Shared Health Manitoba. Guest speakers included Doreen Day and Denise McRiner from Choosing Wisely Canada (CWC), Sarah Porter and Jacqueline Gregory from Island Health, Andrea Wnuk from HQBC, and Darryl Quantz from Fraser Health.



Operating the Network

Mary Lynn Van Tassel provided an update on the Network logistics and introduced the environmental co-benefits of the CWC recommendations.



National Programs for Hospitals

Doreen Day and Denise McRiner introduced the CWC Hospital Designation program. Sarah Porter and Jacqueline Gregory shared Island Health's journey to become a designated CWC hospital. Andrea Wnuk shared how HQBC leveraged CWC to advance appropriate care while supporting climate-conscious recommendations.



Mandating MDI dose counters

Darryl Quantz pitched the idea of developing an engagement plan with regulatory and policy partners to incorporate dose counters into national respiratory care guidelines.



CLIMATE ACTION

Meeting 3: May 2026

This meeting was facilitated by our two ch-Chairs, Mary Lynn Van Tassel from IWK Health and Myles Boonstra from Shared Health Manitoba.



Governance & Leadership standards

As a learning opportunity for the Network, Mary Lynn shared the Health Standards Organization (HSO) and Accreditation Canada's Governance and Leadership standards, highlighting environmental stewardship criteria. Mary Lynn also introduced a draft guidance document for accreditation readiness as a resource that will be co-created by the Network.



Operating the Network

Myles Boonstra provided an update on the Quality Improvement and Healthcare Waste Management sub-groups, and introduced Measurement and Evaluation, Procurement and Anchor Institutions as areas where members are meeting to explore opportunities for collaboration.



Wins and Worries

Members were invited to share positive developments, opportunities, or momentum in their organization or region, and/or challenges, concerns, or barriers in advancing this work.

Meeting 2: March 2026

The second meeting was chaired by Fiona Miller, Director for CASCADES and the Collaborative Centre for Climate, Health & Sustainable Care. She introduced our two co-Chairs: Myles Boonstra from Shared Health Manitoba and Mary Lynn Van Tassel from IWK Health. Additional speakers included Arianna Cruz, Director for Special Projects at Vancouver Coastal Health, Sarah Machane, Quebec Innovation Lead at CASCADES and Darryl Quantz, Planetary Health Lead, Fraser Health.



Co-chair selection & introductions

Fiona Miller introduced and confirmed our two co-Chairs.



Priority areas for collaborative action

Myles Boonstra reviewed the results of the previous meeting discussion which was thematically organized into areas of interest. Arianna Cruz introduced the working group for Quality Improvement. Sarah Macane introduced the sub-group for Healthcare Waste Management.



Anchor Institutions

Darryl Quantz proposed the Network leverages the Anchor Institution model to strengthen collaborative action



Meeting 1: December 2025

The first meeting of the Pan-Canadian Practice Network was chaired by Stephen Lucas, former Deputy Minister of Health Canada. The meeting discussions were also led by Andrea MacNeill, Planetary Health Medical Director, Vancouver Coastal Health and Fiona Miller, Director for CASCADES and the Collaborative Centre for Climate, Health & Sustainable Care.



Introduction to the Pan-Canadian Network

Stephen Lucas reviewed the purpose of the Practice Network and the process to select co-Chairs.



Priority areas for collaborative action

Andrea MacNeill introduced the framework for working groups and sub-groups, and provided an overview of current opportunities and issues of interest curated during the Network development process.



Operating the Network

Fiona Miller introduced the model for operating the Network.



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