

ALBERNI CLAYOQUOT HEALTH NETWORK TABLE OF PARTNERS 2021 – CALL FOR MEMBERS

SUMMARY

The Alberni Clayoquot Health Network is a mechanism for citizens working and living in the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District to come together and speak with a collective voice on health issues and share ideas and resources to build healthier communities. The Network aims to improve health and well-being and focus on the social determinants of health. Learn more and download the ACHN's Strategic Plan, at www.achn.ca.

The Table of Partners is a leadership table that provides guidance to the Health Network and acts as a key liaison with Alberni Clayoquot Regional District and Island Health. The Alberni Clayoquot Health Network's Table of Partners members commit to a two year term. To ensure consistency, half the seats will expire every December. Members wishing to continue are encouraged to reapply and new applications will be sought from community members meeting the criteria outlined in the following package.

If you are actively engaged in community building and social health issues in the region, this may be the right opportunity for you to contribute to the ACHN. Please read the following document carefully, fill out the attached application form, and submit to:

ACHN Coordinator

achn@acrd.bc.ca

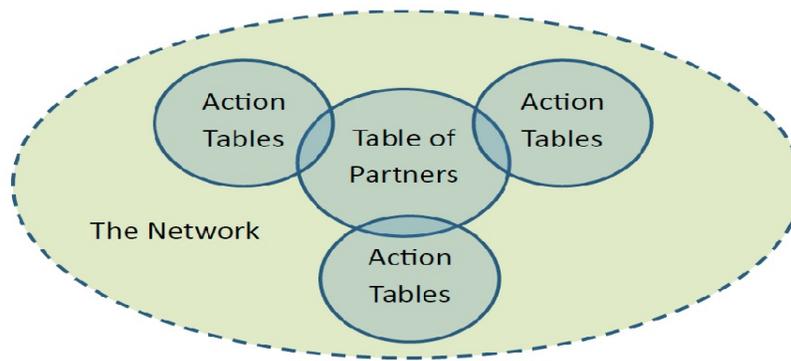
By 4:00 pm on December 10th, 2021

BACKGROUND

Local Health Area 70 is the third largest health area on Vancouver Island. This geographically diverse area spans 6904 km² with three municipalities, ten Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations and six electoral areas within the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD). The ACRD hosts a population of over 30,000 people.

The geography of this region challenges organizations and communities to do things differently. The regional health network model presents a unique opportunity for the region to unite, addressing priorities around social indicators which no one community or organization can do in isolation. The Alberni Clayoquot Health Network (ACHN) leverages the strengths of regional assets to ensure equitable participation throughout the region. We strive to increase participation in conversations by developing meaningful relationships and processes, examining solutions which address regional needs and stimulate innovative solutions.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



The purpose of the ACHN is to network like-minded organizations, agencies, and networks that are already working to improve community health, we “network the networks”, to better support the work you are already doing. Rather than create additional work, meetings or duplicate what you do best we would like to meet you where you are to assist in providing supports to work more effectively as a region. To do this we aim host or support regional **network gatherings** each year which can be learning events, planning events and/or networking events – based on your feedback. We convene new and support existing **action tables** related to strategic priorities of the ACHN on issues which no one community, organization or group can take on independently. Lastly we have a **Table of Partners** to help us expedite decisions and leverage resources.

TABLE OF PARTNERS – CALL FOR MEMBERS

The Table of Partners is a small group of decision makers and regional representatives tasked with directing the work of the Alberni Clayoquot Health Network. This Table meets once monthly and contributes expertise, time, energy, and other resources in order to help guide and direct the overall work of the health network. We strive to ensure membership is reflective of the region, its unique communities and priorities. Members are expected to share expertise, tools and best practices to bring information from the ACHN to their own organization/key community contacts, and vice versa.

We are currently recruiting for the Table of Partners. Recognizing the time commitment for this work as well as the emphasis on regional priorities we are seeking applications from individuals and strive to meet the following criteria in our selection:

- **Commitment to meetings.** Ability to attend of the Table of Partners meetings to the best of their ability 10 months out of the year. Meetings are on the third Wednesday of the month from 9:30 to 12:00 in the ACRD Board Room or by Zoom – when in person eight will be held in Port Alberni, two meetings will be on the West Coast.
- **Term.** Can commit to a two year term.
- **Endorsement to participate.** From their organization, agency or government to participate.
- **Fit with mandate.** Ideally holds a position with a mandate to serve multiple communities and/or areas of focus with in the region.
- **Voice.** Can provide regional context and knowledge.
- **Influence.** Can help influence, leverage or allocate resources.
- **Knowledge.** Is informed and involved with regional community development initiatives and social indicators of health.

INTERESTED?

Let us know a little bit about you by filling out the following questions. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with the ACHN Coordinator, Marcie DeWitt at achn@acrd.bc.ca, 250.726.5019, if you have questions or require more information!

Don't forget there are a variety of ways to participate, let us know if you have interest in hearing about upcoming opportunities and action tables. We will add you to our mailing list to ensure you get up to date information!

We look forward to our ongoing working relationship, building healthy communities and taking action on shared priorities

APPLICATION

Name: _____

Title and Organization: _____

Do you have, or can you get, endorsement from your organization to participate?
Yes No Will Confirm

The Table of Partners places emphasis on the ability of members to commit to monthly meetings. Can you attend monthly meetings? Yes No Will Confirm

Can you commit to the Table of Partners for 2 years? Yes No Will Confirm

Please note that at this time the ACHN does not provide a stipend or travel expenses. Would this be an impediment for your participation? Yes No Will Confirm

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How can you help influence, leverage or allocate resources with the AHCN? Please describe: __

Communities you work with: _____

What is your role with in your organization or community and how do you see as a benefit to the ACHN? _____

Tell us a little about your interest and experience in community health and development: _____

Deadline for applications is December 10th, 2021 please ensure we receive your information by 4:00 pm to achn@acrd.bc.ca Thank you for your interest!