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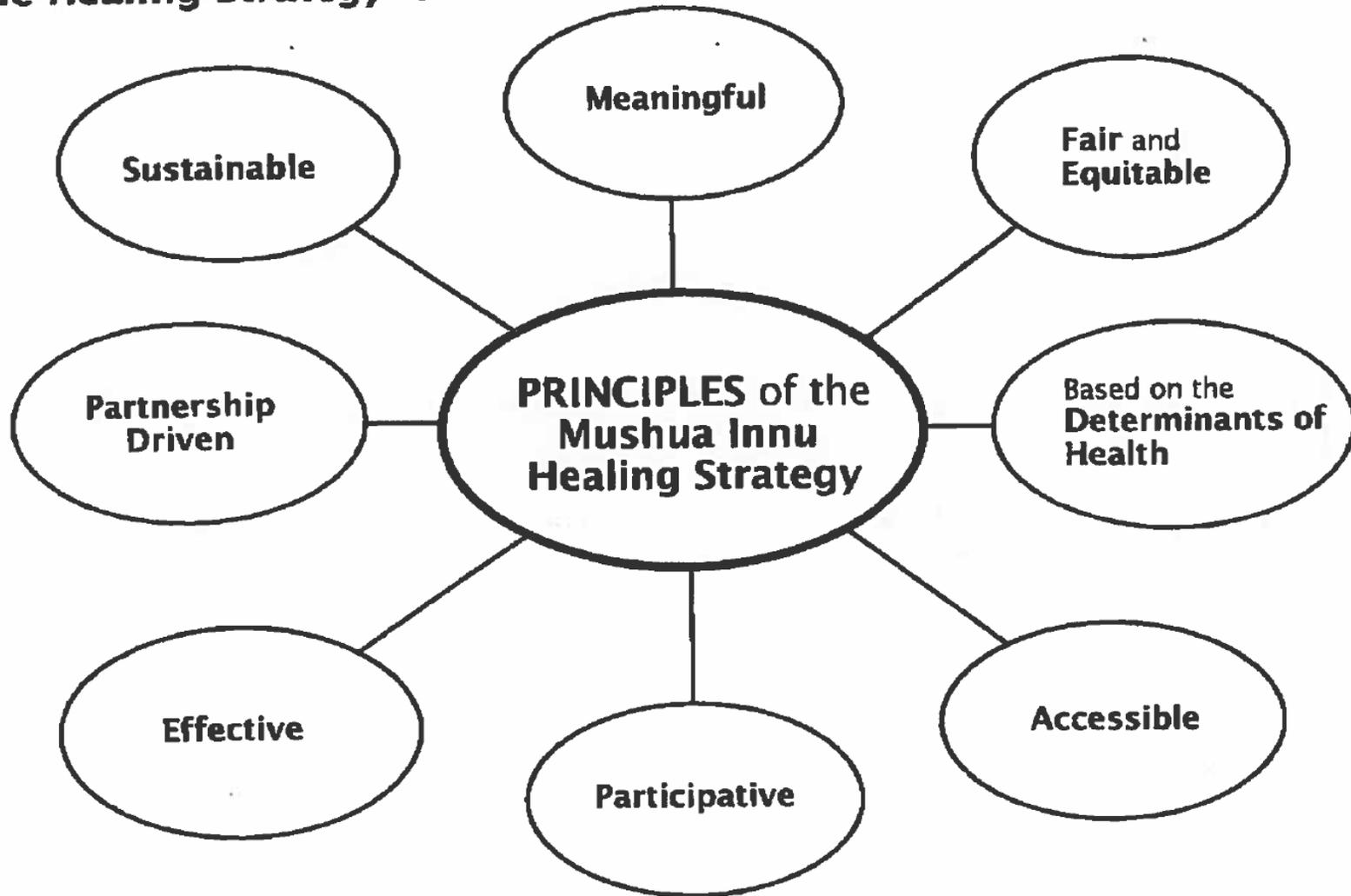
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The Healing Strategy is...



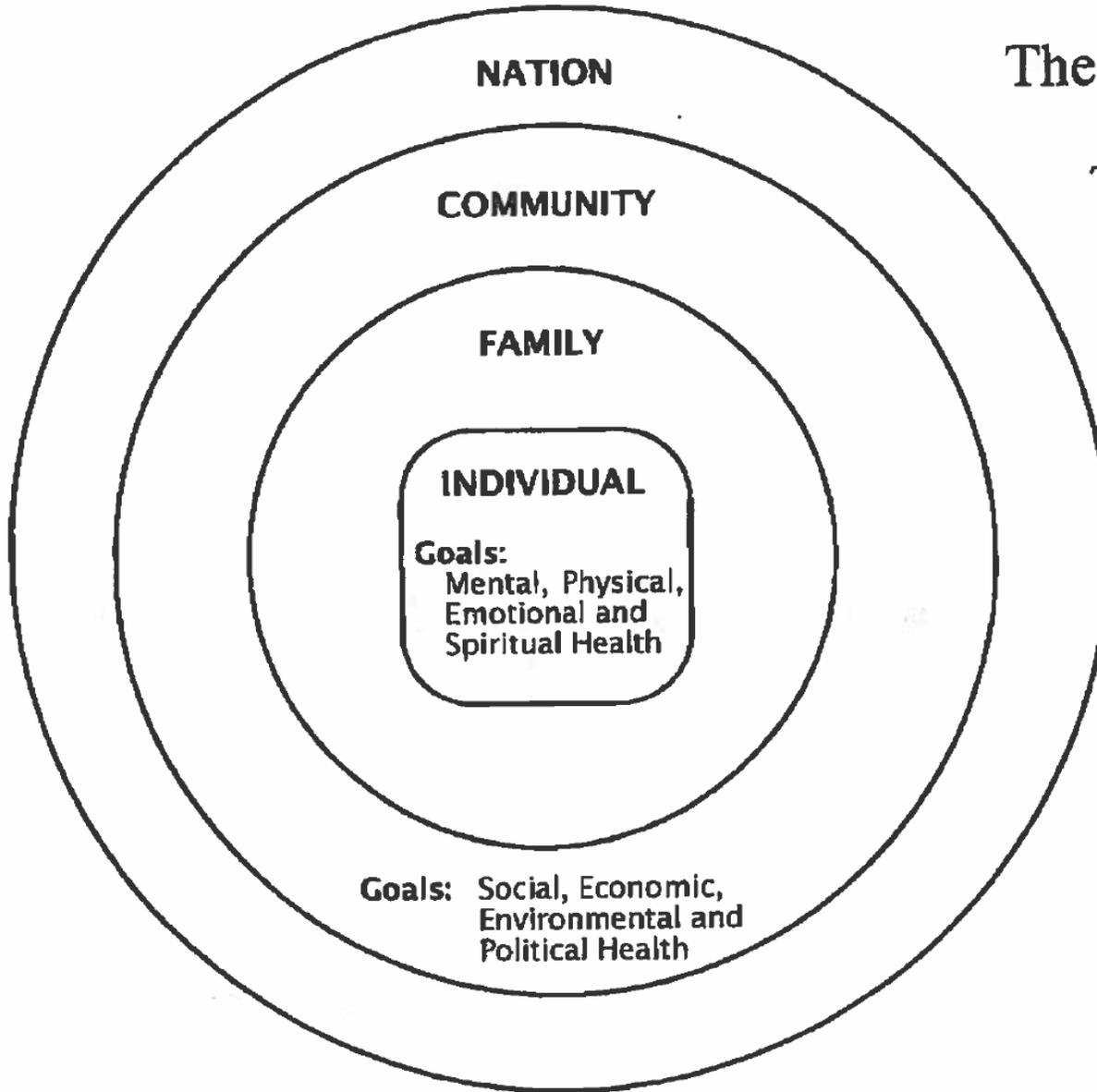
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The Circle of Health

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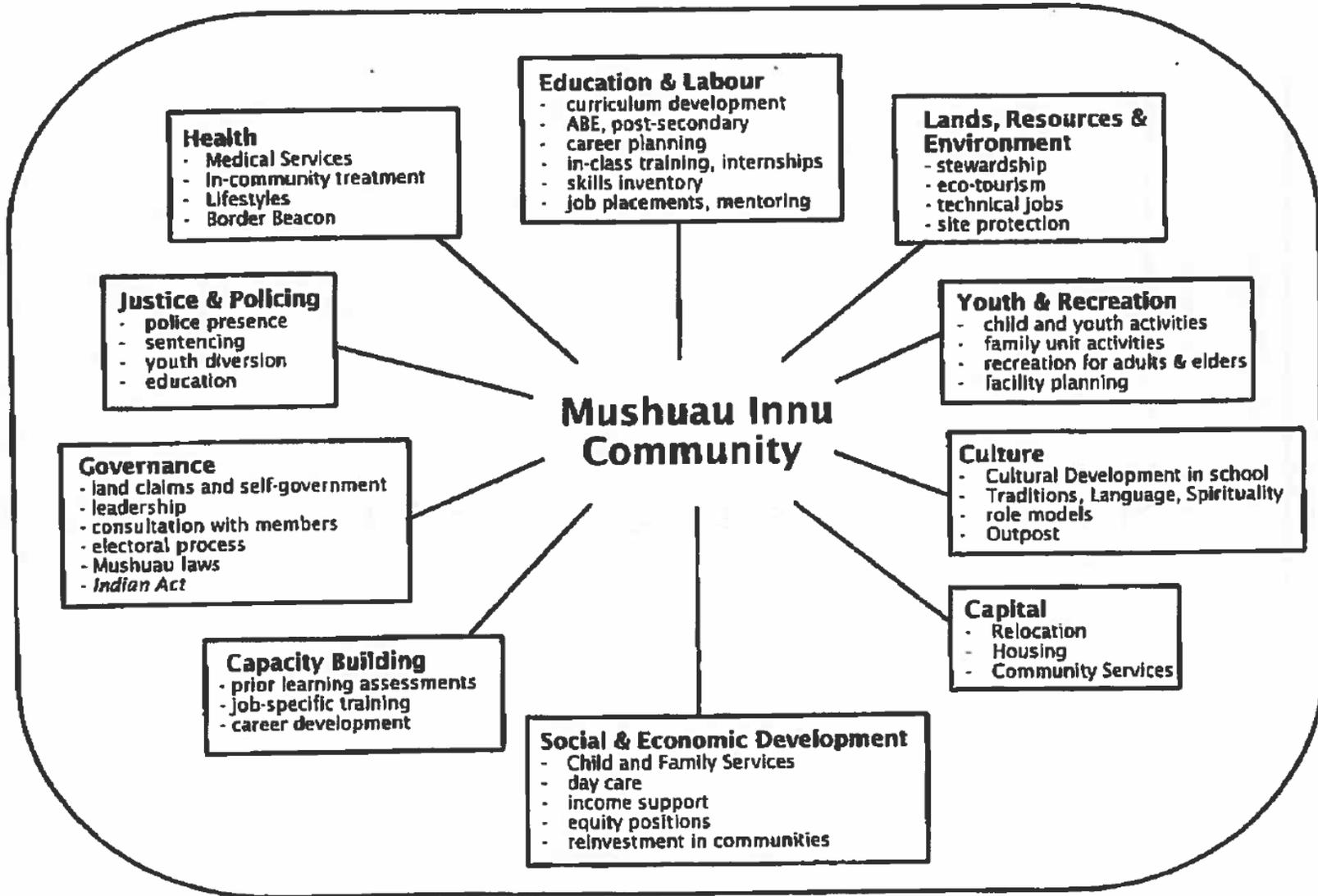
The Broad Determinants of Health

- biology and genetics
- healthy child development
- social support networks
- available health services
- training and education
- income and social status
- employment and working conditions
- personal health practices and coping skills

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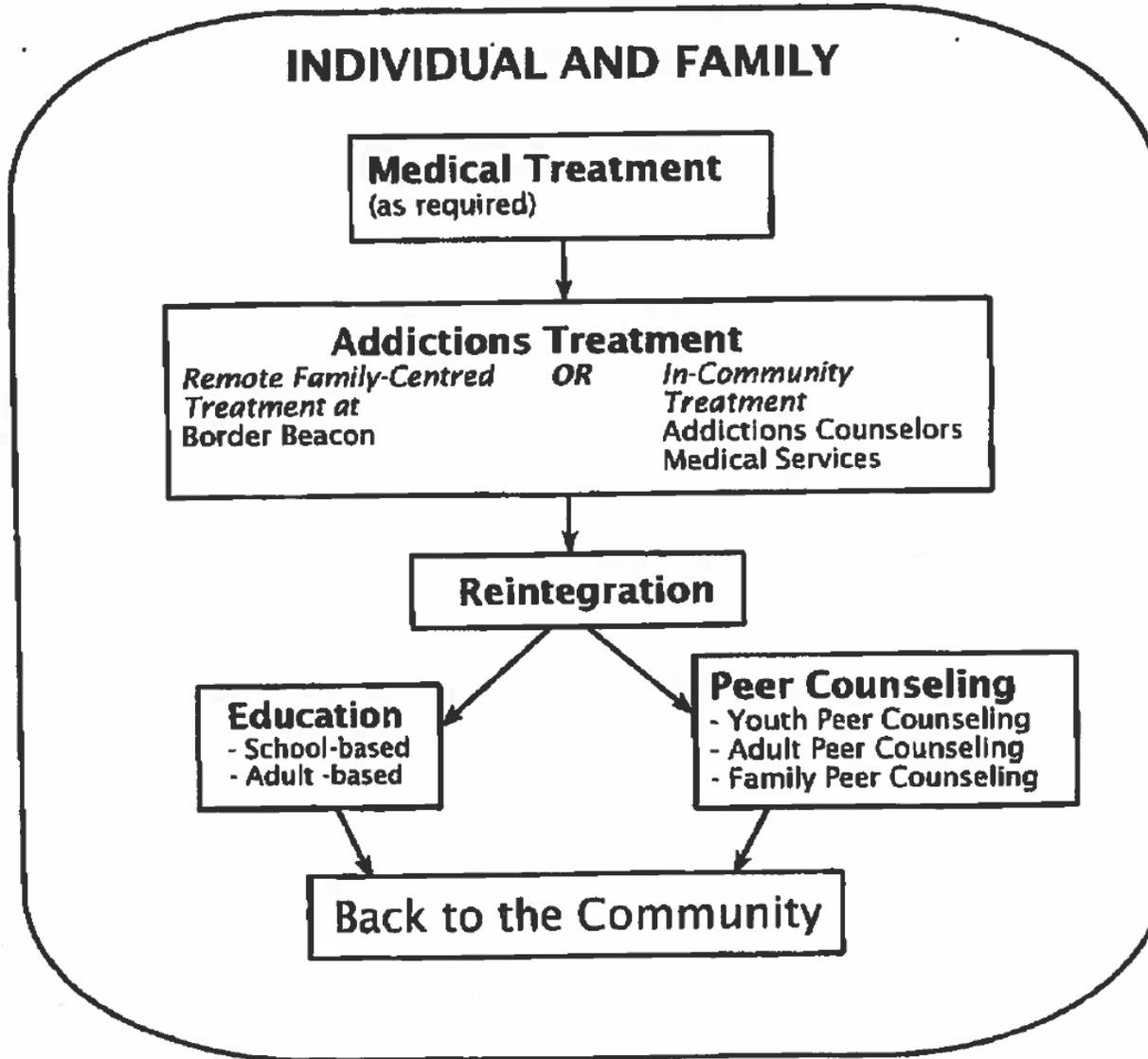
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CREATING A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

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CREATING HEALTHIER PEOPLE AND FAMILIES



TREATMENT PROGRAMS (in-community and remote settings)

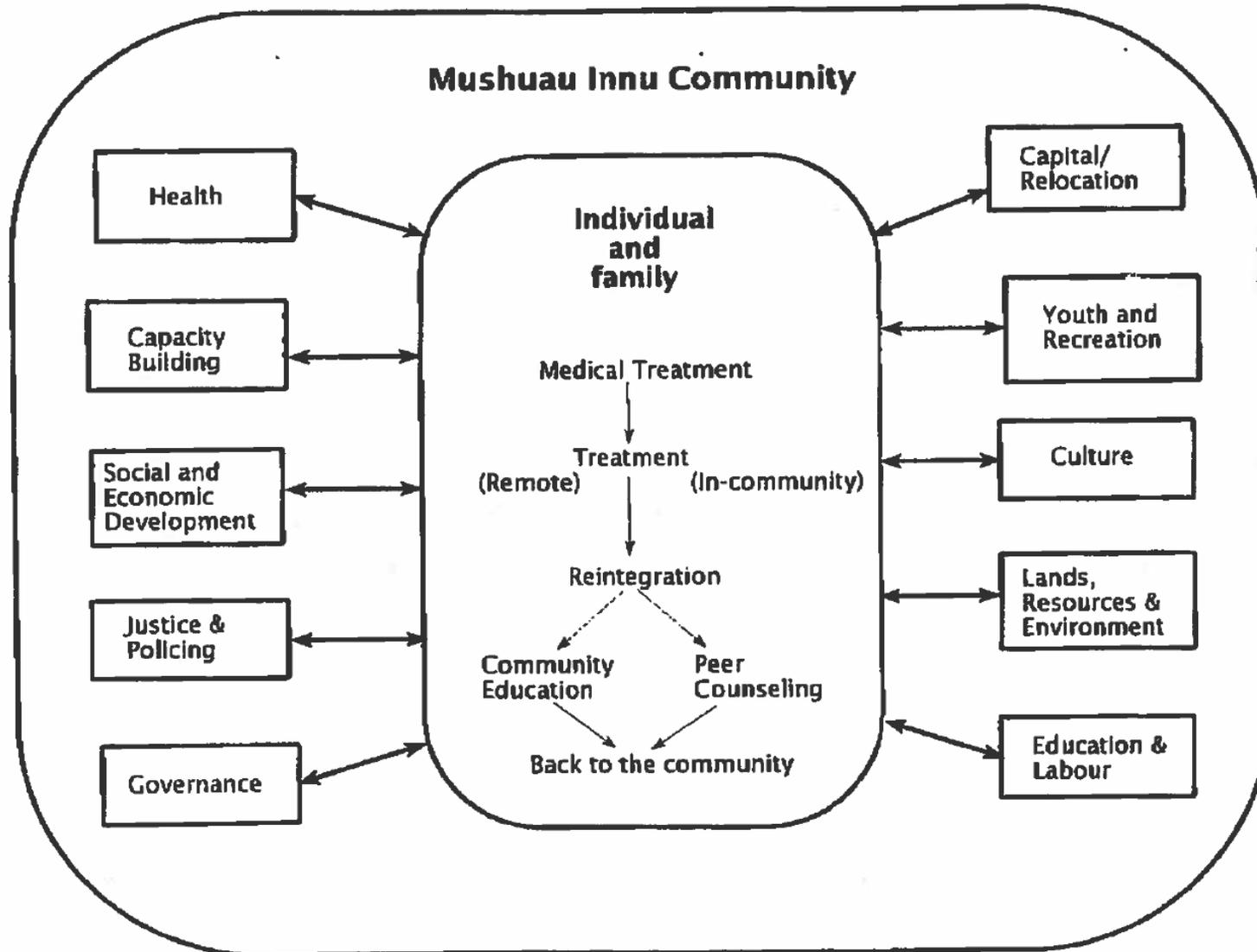
- Understanding Substance Abuse (biological, social, physical, emotional)
- Family Violence and Abuse — Walking the prevention circle
- Relationships
- Family Living (community, martial, parenting)
- Cultural Awareness
- Stress and Anger Management
- Health and Fitness
- Career Planning
- Finances
- Community Living (community, resources, going back)

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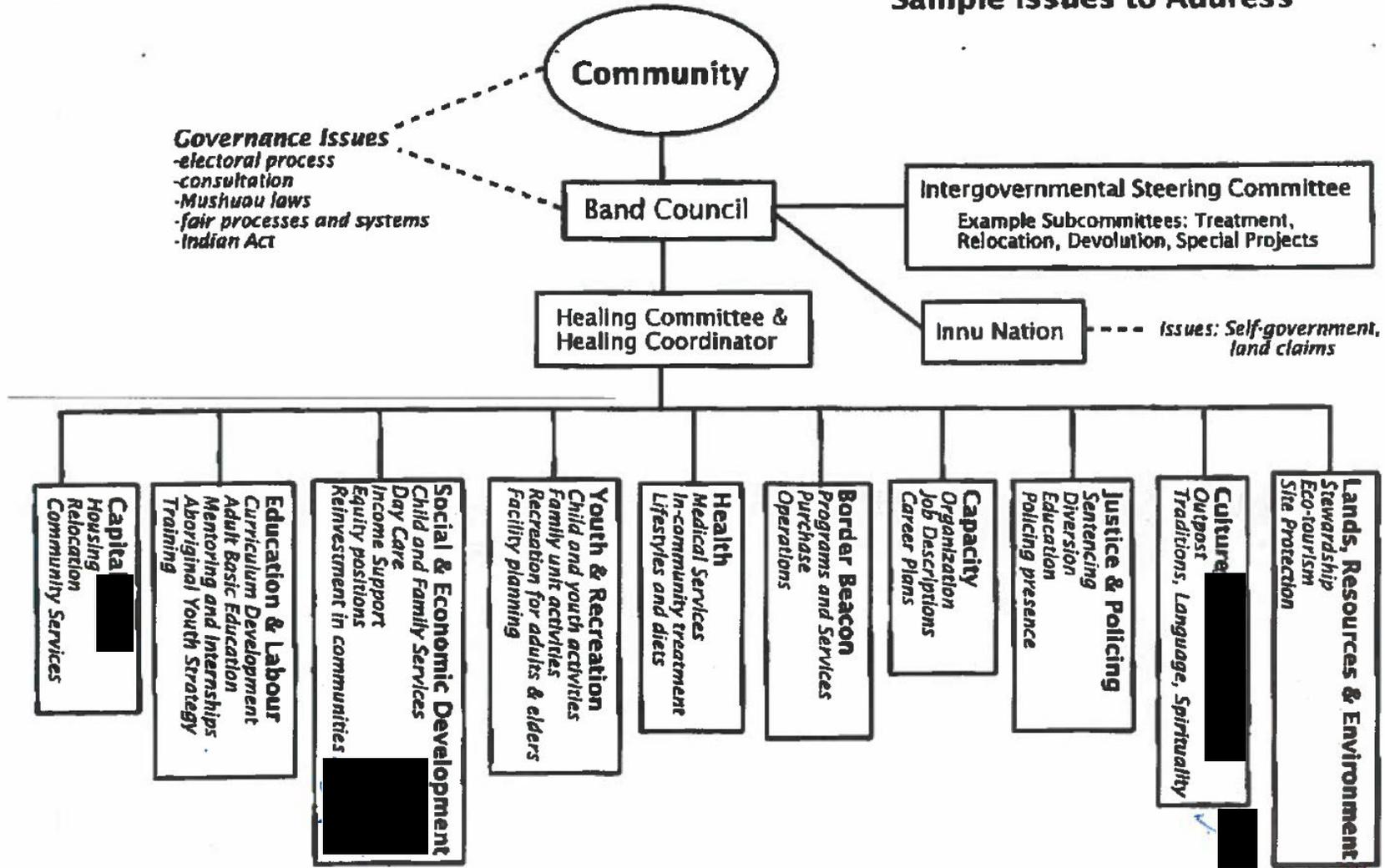
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MUSHUAU INNU INTEGRATED HEALING STRATEGY — Reporting Structure and Sample Issues to Address



Each element will have a Healing Contribution Work Plan which requires specific tasks and reports on achievements. Regular reporting to the Healing Coordinator and/or Committee will be required. Coordination is ensured by the Community Coordinator and the Intergovernmental Steering Committee.

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SPEAKING NOTES

MUSHUAU INNU HEALING COMMITTEE JANUARY 12, 1999 Goose Bay

1. INTRODUCTION

- I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR COMING HERE TODAY. THIS MEETING IS A FOLLOW-UP TO THE POLITICAL COMMITMENTS MADE TO OUR COMMUNITY. OUR JOINT CHALLENGE IS TO TRANSLATE THOSE POLITICAL COMMITMENTS INTO ACTION
- IT IS MY HOPE THAT TODAY WILL BE THE FIRST STEP IN ADDRESSING THE DIFFICULTIES FACING OUR COMMUNITY FROM AN INNU PERSPECTIVE IN A SPIRIT OF PARTNERSHIP.
- ALCOHOL, DRUGS, SUICIDES, DEATHS AND VIOLENCE ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF PROBLEMS. TODAY WE NEED TO BEGIN TO TAKE ACTIONS THAT ADDRESS BOTH SYMPTOMS AND CAUSES
- THIS MEETING FOLLOWS TWO RECENT MEETINGS, ONE IN NOVEMBER IN HALIFAX, AND ANOTHER IN DECEMBER IN ST JOHN'S WITH PROVINCIAL MINISTERS AND SENIOR FEDERAL OFFICIALS.
- IN HALIFAX WE DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR COMMITMENTS AND ACTION AND THE NEED FOR A COMMON FRAMEWORK.
- IN ST JOHN'S WE TABLED AN 8 POINT ACTION PLAN. THIS PLAN WAS DISCUSSED BY YOUR MINISTERS AND SENIOR OFFICIALS AND A MANDATE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THIS GROUP TO ASSIST IN

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IMPLEMENTING AN INNU LED STRATEGY FOR HEALING

- IT WAS ENCOURAGING TO HEAR THE PROVINCIAL MINISTERS IN ATTENDANCE COMMIT THEIR STAFF TO THIS INITIATIVE

- I MET WITH PROVINCIAL OFFICIALS IN GOOSE BAY JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS AND WAS HEARTENED TO HAVE THEIR COMMITMENT TO HELPING US HEAL.

- WE HAVE GIVEN HEALING A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT; A COMMUNITY CONSENSUS IS EMERGING WITH RESPECT TO BOTH THE APPROACH AND THE PROGRAM THAT WE NEED IN ORDER TO MAKE HEALING A REALITY.

- I WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN BY STEPPING BACK AND REMINDING US ALL OF HOW WE HAVE GOTTEN TO THIS POINT AND WHY ACTION AND COMMITMENTS FROM THIS MEETING ARE SO ESSENTIAL TO OUR FUTURE.

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2. THE PATH OF HEALING NEEDS

- IN 1992 WE CONDUCTED OUR OWN INQUIRY INTO OUR CONDITIONS AND NEEDS. THE SUBSEQUENT REPORT "GATHERING VOICES" WAS CLEAR THAT HEALING MUST TAKE A VARIETY OF ACTIONS INCLUDING:
 - RELOCATION
 - JOB TRAINING
 - CONTROL OVER SERVICES
 - RESPECT FOR OUR CULTURE
 - DRUG AND ALCOHOL TREATMENT
 - POLICING AND JUSTICE INITIATIVES
 - WORKING TOGETHER; AND,
 - FOCUSING ON THE CHILDREN.

- IN FEBRUARY 1993, WE PRESENTED A SEVEN POINT PLAN ENTITLED "HEARING THE VOICES: GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN INNU RENEWAL." THIS TOO WAS AN ATTEMPT AT A BROAD FOCUS:
 - RELOCATION
 - A FAMILY RENEWAL CENTRE
 - BUILDING ON INNU ABILITIES
 - SELF-GOVERNMENT AND RIGHTS
 - ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF OBLIGATIONS
 - IMMEDIATE TREATMENT FOR TROUBLED YOUTH; AND,
 - IMPLEMENTATION COMMITMENTS.

- IN EARLY 1993 THE CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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CONDUCTED AN INDEPENDENT INQUIRY. LET ME REMIND YOU THAT IT RECOMMENDED:

- RELOCATION
 - EQUIVALENCY WITH OTHER FIRST NATIONS
 - DEVOLUTION OF PROGRAMS AND SELF-GOVERNMENT; AND
 - ONGOING FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
- IN JUNE OF 1993 WE HELD A REFERENDUM ON RELOCATION THAT WAS PASSED OVERWHELMINGLY BY THE MUSHUAU INNU
 - IN 1994 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PRESENTED US WITH A "STATEMENT OF POLITICAL COMMITMENTS". THAT STATEMENT COMMITTED TO:
 - RELOCATION
 - EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR HEALTH AND SAFETY PROBLEMS AT THE EXISTING COMMUNITY
 - DEVOLUTION OF FEDERAL PROGRAMS; AND,
 - SELF-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS.
 - IN LATE 1996 THE MUSHUAU, FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENTS SIGNED THE RELOCATION AGREEMENT. THE STATED OBJECTIVE WAS TO:

" ... RELOCATE FROM DAVIS INLET TO NATUASHISH , FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING IN THE LONGER TERM RENEWAL OF THE HEALTH, CULTURE, SOCIETY AND ECONOMY OF THE MUSHUAU INNU ..."

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- AS A COMMUNITY WE HAVE ALSO HELD SEVERAL WORKSHOPS AND RETREATS. THE MOST RECENT WAS HELD IN THE FALL AT THE BORDER BEACON FACILITY.
- DURING THAT RETREAT WE CONFIRMED THAT AN INNU LED HEALING STRATEGY WITH A BROAD ACTION AGENDA IS NEEDED TO CREATE REAL HEALING.
- WE ARE CONCERNED AS LEADERS THAT WHILE PHYSICAL RELOCATION NEARS, HEALING IS FRAGMENTED AND UNCOORDINATED.
- AS YOU CAN SEE IN OUR QUEST TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH HEALING WE HAVE VERY CONSISTENT - AND SO HAVE OTHERS - AS TO WHAT IS REQUIRED.
- YET FOR ALL THESE PLANS LITTLE HAS IMPROVED FOR OUR PEOPLE, FOR OUR ELDERS, FOR OUR CHILDREN.
- OUR TASK AS A GROUP IS TO TURN THESE PLANS - THESE ELEMENTS OF A HEALING PLAN - INTO ACTION.
- WE, AS THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MUSHUAU INNU, ARE PREPARED AND ARE OBLIGATED TO LEAD THE HEALING IN OUR COMMUNITY. TODAY YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO HELP - TO WORK IN PARTNERSHIP.
- BY THE END OF THIS MEETING WE WILL ALL SEE WHO IS REALLY WILLING TO ASSIST. IT IS MY HOPE THAT ALL OF YOU COME PREPARED TO MAKE MEANINGFUL CONTRIBUTIONS.
- IT IS TIME AND WE MUST ACT.

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3. INTEGRATED HEALING STRATEGY

- WHAT I AM ABOUT TO TABLE WITH YOU IS AN INTEGRATED HEALING STRATEGY. IT BUILDS ON ALL THE STUDIES, COMMISSIONS, PLANS, AND AGREEMENTS WHICH I REFERENCED EARLIER

- I WOULD LIKE TO ACHIEVE TWO THINGS TODAY.
 - FIRST, WE MUST REACH A CONSENSUS AMONG US THAT THE STRATEGY I WILL PRESENT TO YOU WILL BE FOLLOWED AND SUPPORTED BY YOUR GOVERNMENTS AND AGENCIES.

 - SECONDLY, I MUST LEAVE HERE TODAY WITH SPECIFIC AND REAL COMMITMENTS THAT CAN BE MADE TO BEGIN THE PROCESS TODAY. I WILL HAVE TO REPORT BACK TO THE MEMBERSHIP ON THIS MEETING. AND MORE TALK OF SUPPORT AND EMPATHY WITHOUT REAL COMMITMENTS SIMPLY WILL NOT DO.

 - OUR HEALING STRATEGY IS COMPREHENSIVE AND PRACTICAL. IT IS BASED ON OUR COMMUNITY'S LONGSTANDING APPROACH AND EXPRESSED NEEDS, AND IT RECOGNIZES THE REAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT INITIATIVES LIKE RELOCATION AND DEVOLUTION CAN OFFER.

 - LET ME WALK YOU THROUGH THE STRATEGY AND THEN WE CAN RETURN TO DISCUSS PARTICULAR ASPECTS.