

Integrating a population mental health approach in public health: Canadian perspectives on clarifying and supporting public health roles

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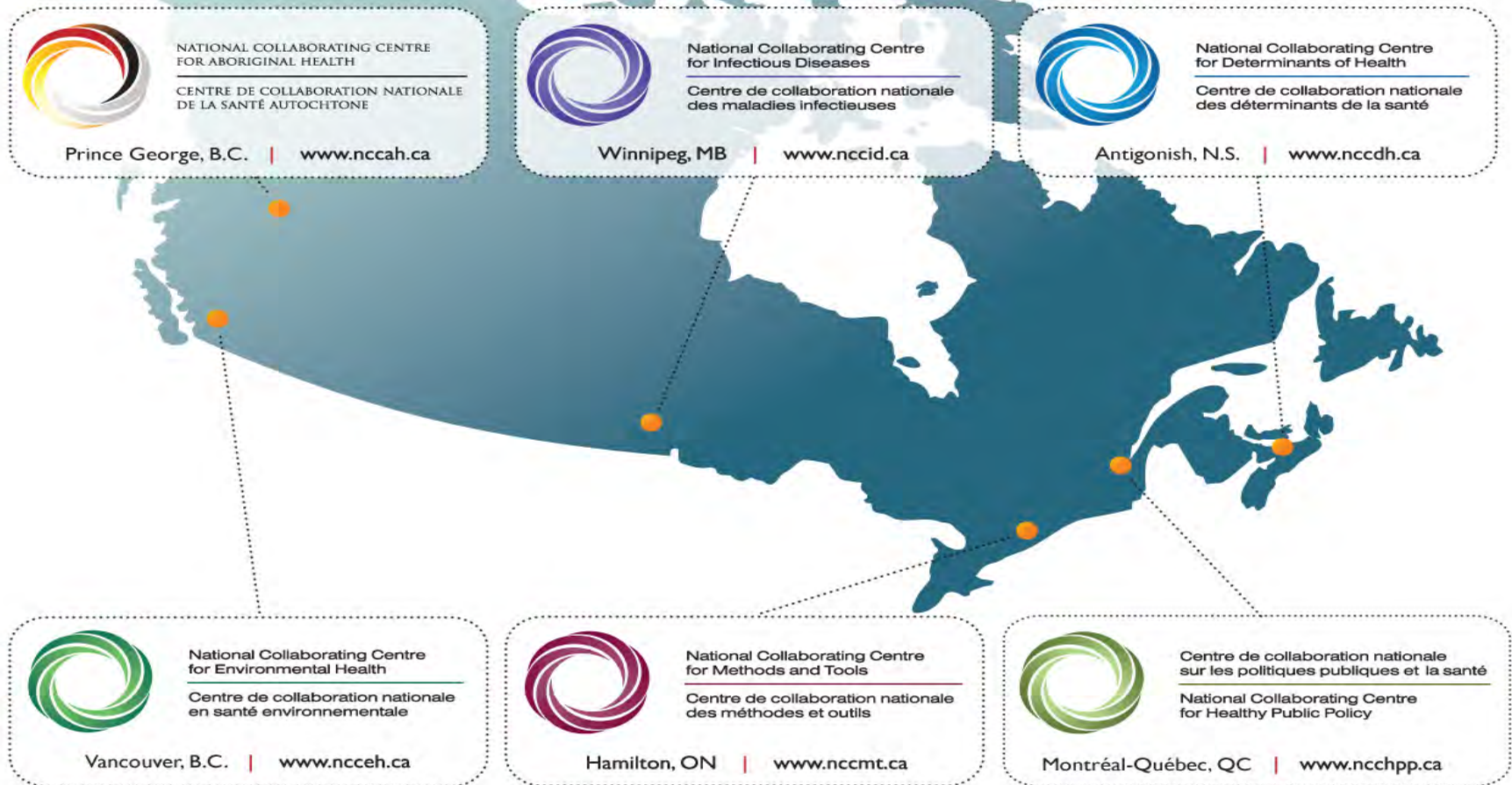
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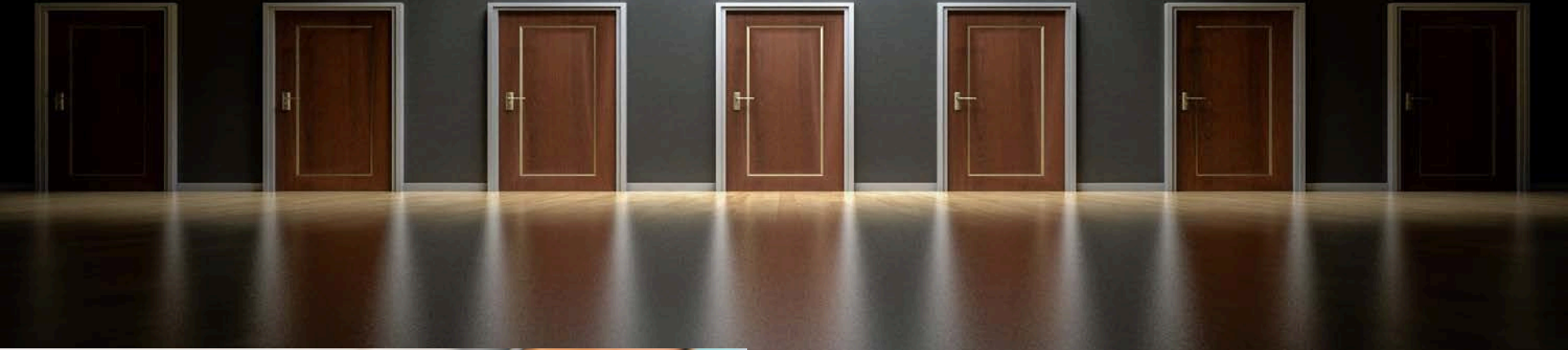
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Objectives

- Recognize the context and processes that led to the clarification of the roles of public health in Canada for population mental health and wellness promotion.
- Identify some of the roles public health may play in promoting population mental health and wellness.



Shift in Paradigm



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Lancet Global Mental Health Commission, 2018

International Context



Mental health for Canadians: Striking a balance Health and Welfare Canada, 1988

POSITIVE MENTAL HEALTH SURVEILLANCE INDICATOR FRAMEWORK

Quick Stats is also available in a handy format:
 1 - PDF document
 2 - PDF document

Canadian Context

A lot of work in, not always with a MHP label...
 Various needs, including clarification of roles

Public Health Actions in PMHP

Mantoura, 2017a, 2017b



NCCs convene national gathering, explore public health roles for mental health and wellness

Categories:

Working in partnership to focus on positive mental health and wellness

- Partnership with four organisations (PHAC, MHCC, CAMH, CMHA)
- Two-eyed seeing perspective : **Roles of PH for Population Mental Health and Mental Wellness Promotion (PMHWP)**

“Indigenous knowledge about health and healing has resonance beyond Indigenous communities: “It’s just a good way to live”.

Shirley Tagalik, Educational Consultant, Inukpaujaq Consulting

- Build on the expertise of 70 participants, PH, MH, Indigenous organizations, First Nations, Inuit and Metis, all experts in PMHWP




<http://nccph.ca/projects/mentalhealth/#forum>



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USE VALUES WE'RE TALKING ABOUT

THE COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

What's the work?

How to maintain healthy practices for practice?

Recognize sources of knowledge & experience

Participate in shared learning

Local (context-specific) cultural strengths & youth perspectives

Learn to use a strengths approach

Local-based, addressing priorities through

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4. - Inuit-led research

Indig- & community lead

community i.d. research focus

grounded in FN world view.

structure that creates space

Young people in humanity

* Qualitative data valued.

(Storytelling)

* lived experience

- program implementers

Community leaders

* capacity for research in community.

train researchers beyond epist

community setting

Roundtable discussion :

- From the perspective of your own practice setting, geographical context, and/or experience and expertise, what do you think are the key roles, functions, or specific actions public health actors at various levels must play or must implement in order to integrate and mainstream PMHWP work into their practices?

World Café discussion :

What is needed to support PH for PMHWP work in terms of four topics: 1. skills, knowledge, and values; 2. systems-policy supports; 3. implementation structures; 4. science and research paradigms.

* Invest in change management process i.e. people are critical to change building relationships

* Create practice & implementation support hubs across PHTs modelled on PSSP

* Leadership that is a driver & holds accountability and communication (two way)

* Accountable networks

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Leadership

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Concrete: + participative

- relationship building + values

- identify where to build on existing

- using what's already existing

- eg. home visits

- political will

- decision making on structure

- roles & responsibilities of partners

- eg. legislation, standards

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Qualitative content analysis

Relevant competency-type frameworks.

Health promotion, public health, Indigenous public health, mental health promotion and public mental health



Upcoming, 2019

....Mix slowly and let simmer.....



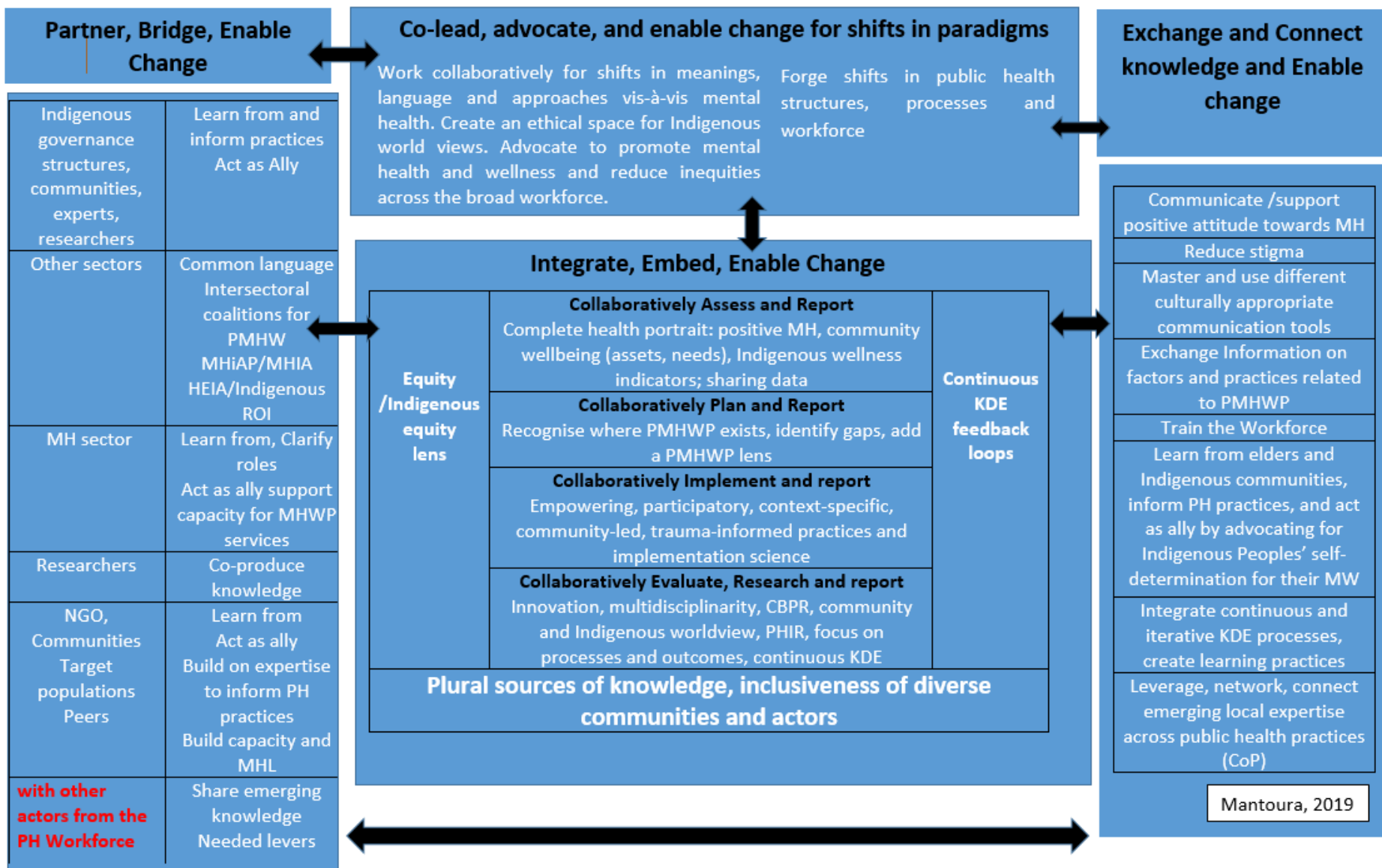
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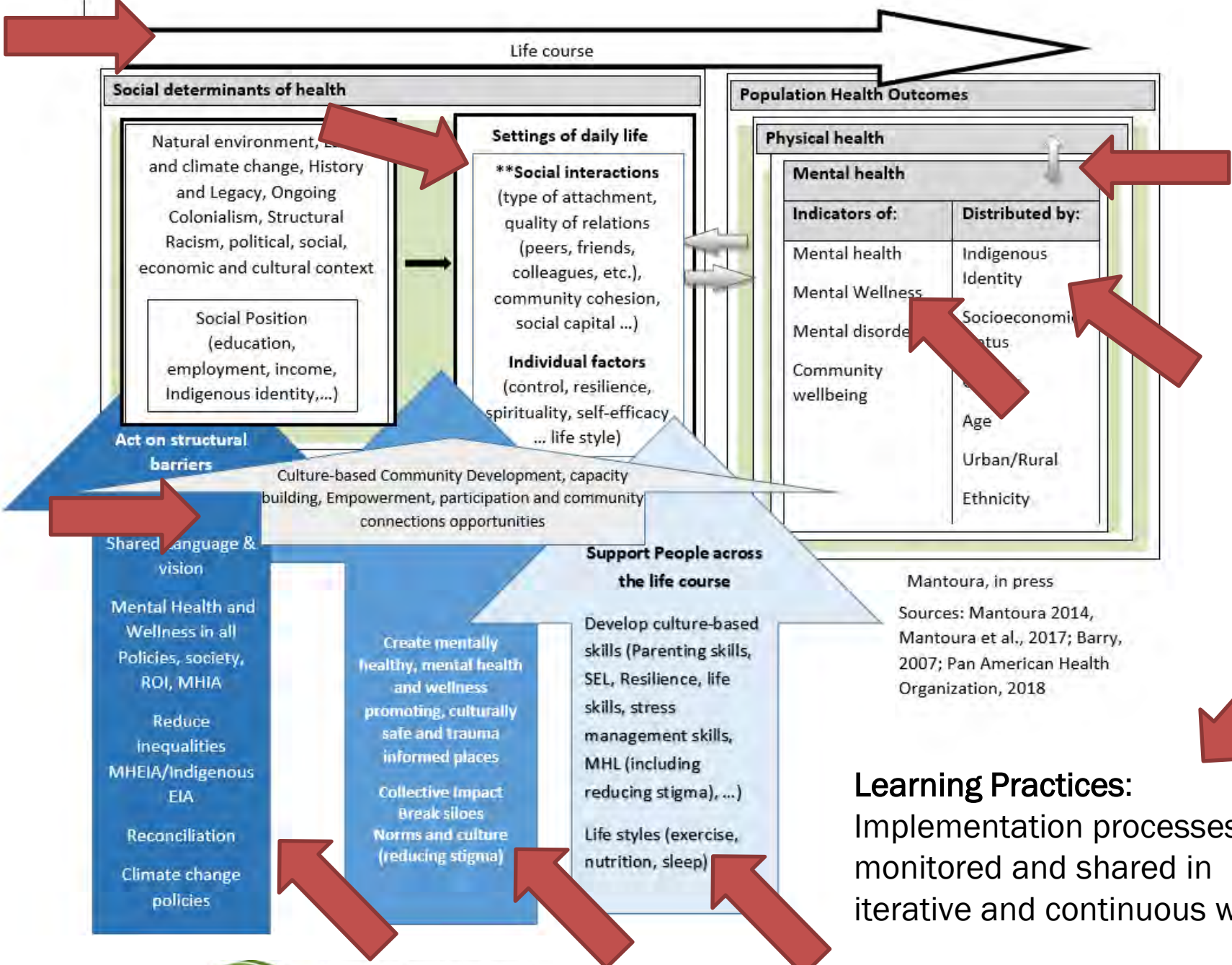
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Public Health Roles for Population Mental Health and Wellness Promotion (PMHWP)

Goal: Hope, Belonging, Meaning, Purpose





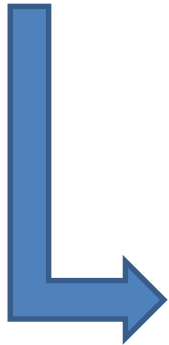
Learning Practices:
Implementation processes monitored and shared in iterative and continuous ways.



Co- Lead, Advocate, enable change

“Intentional positive disrupters” for shifts in paradigm from mental illness to mental health and wellness

“Institutional and Moral courage” for shifts in structural paradigms



- Shared language and vision
- Upstream action and reduction of inequities
- Create an ethical space and act as ally
- Strategic direction for public health:
Hope, belonging, meaning and purpose



Key Determinants of Mental Health and Wellness

Health Canada and Assembly of First Nations (2015)	Hope, belonging, meaning, and purpose
Keleher et Armstrong (2005)	Social inclusion, freedom from discrimination and violence, access to economic resources.
Friedli (2009, 2013)	Status or social position (respect, dignity), psychosocial skills (self-esteem, positive identity), relatedness or connectedness, and control (influence over the things that affect our lives).
Coggins, T., Cooke, A., Friedli et al. (2009)	Resilience and community assets, participation, control, inclusion.
Cohen, Davis, Estes, Mikkelsen & Savannah (2017)	Belonging and connectedness, control of destiny, dignity, hope and aspiration, safety and trust are identified.



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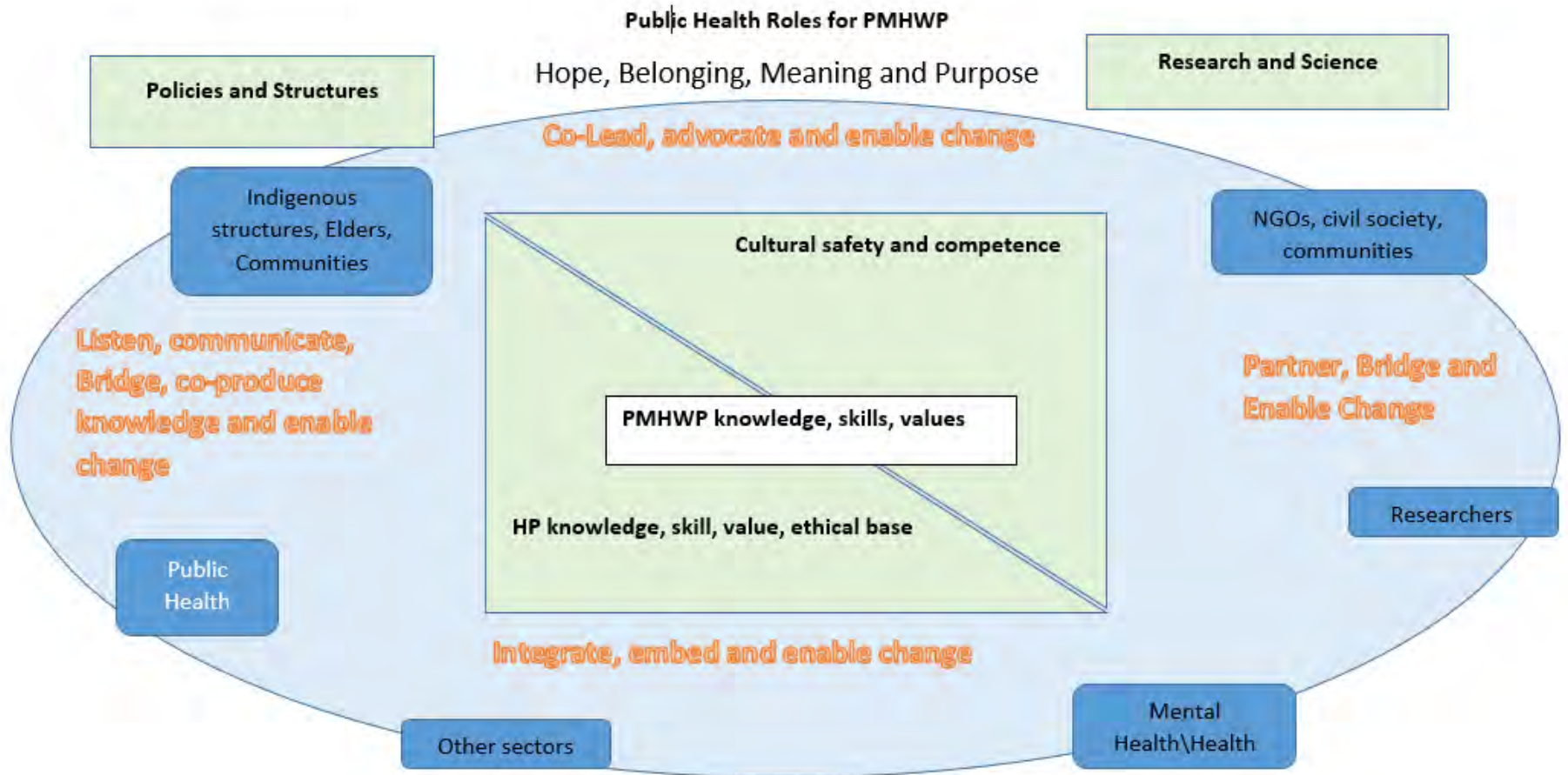
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Forging supportive:

- **Structures** (mandate, resources, long term time frame, capacity building, accountable, power sharing, inclusive, collaborative, epistemologically flexible and plural ...)
- **Processes** (community-led, participatory, anchored in culture, contexts...)
- **Workforce** (inclusive, trained (health promotion + MH-W Literacy + cultural competence, safety...)



Take Away Messages



Mantoura, in press



Shift in Paradigm

Illness

Wellness

Credit to Jude Stansfield from PHE



“Translation of new public health thinking into the mental health arena”
John Ashton Foreward in Brown, Alyson, Learmonth and Mackereth, 2015, p.9



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Thank you!

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