

APPENDIX G- Indicator Choice

The choice of quantitative data for the profiles is based on the following specifications:

- **Follow the NBHC Population Health Model** – Our model uses determinants of health that can be influenced by programs and policies. Indicators need to support the information in one of our sections (Health Behaviours, Social and Economic Factors, Physical Environment, Health Care, Health Outcome) or help provide contextual information about the community. Individual indicators are not as strong of an indicator, but when looking at them together, they paint a very distinct picture of population health.

The way(s) you analyze a given set of indicators will be based on your needs and how you intend to use the information. Analyzing combinations of indicators will likely produce more useful information than looking at any single indicator.

- **Reliable data and source** – The information has to be from a known data source and be subject to some verification/ validation. Administrative databases are used when possible (i.e., NB Cancer Registry).
- **Reproducible information** – The profiles for each community will be updated every 3 years. To maintain consistency, indicators selected should be included and updated in future versions of these profiles.
- **Availability at the community level (when possible)** – The main goal of the profiles is to provide community level information about the people who live, work and take part in activities in New Brunswick.

In some instances, community information was required to be suppressed where either it might be possible to identify a person (i.e., some individual indicators do not have a large enough sample size to report data for that indicator) or the numbers are too unreliable to be published. In other instances, zone or provincial information was the only data available.

Multiple year data was used for some indicators (i.e., all indicators from the Canadian Community Health Survey are from a 3 year average) to ensure appropriate sample size for most communities.

Current websites with supporting information are valued and included when applicable (i.e., Environment Canada Air Quality Index).

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