

# *Community Wellbeing Committee*

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## **Mandate**

Within the broader context of primary health care, assist the Board in identifying unmet needs of the community and in developing strategies to address them by:

- Participating in community meetings and events where community health needs are being discussed.
- Promoting an understanding of the social determinants of health and engaging with the community, governmental and non-governmental organizations.
- Collaborating with local physicians and community partners in health services planning and development.
- Making recommendations to the Board regarding disbursement of funds to support community health care needs.

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## **Strategic Goals and Objectives**

The Foundation will understand the primary health care needs of the community by:

- Ensuring there is a process in place to identify needs.
- Ensuring a strong, supportive relationship with the Gabriola Health and Wellbeing Collaborative and with specific community organizations.
- Promoting community understanding of the social determinants of health.
- Distributing the remaining Kitty Heller funds and seeking new funding resources.



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## Activities 2023 – 2024

- *Stronger Together*- This 4-month program, funded by the Jay Dearman Fund, the Kitty Heller Fund and an Island Health grant, was delivered twice during 2023-24. It provided free community-based counselling and peer support to parents and guardians from diverse socio-economic and educational backgrounds. Evaluations were completed and final reports submitted to funders.
- No other funding applications were received this year.
- Participated in the Strategic Planning Working Group and contributed content addressing the social determinants of health, and actions designed to improve community health and wellbeing.
- Conducted a risk assessment of Community Wellbeing Committee activities.