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Collaboration with provincial and territorial colleagues will strengthen quality of care

WHITEHORSE— Minister of Health and Social Services Doug Graham said today that meetings with other provincial and territorial health ministers last week provided an excellent opportunity to share best practices and innovations in the area of health care.

"These meetings were an excellent opportunity for collaboration and sharing that will serve to improve the quality of health care delivery and preventative care for Yukoners and Canadians, based on best evidence and value for taxpayers," Graham said.

The Government of Ontario hosted the two-day federal, provincial, and territorial ministers' meeting in Toronto last week.

Ministerial discussions support the minister's work by ensuring citizens receive the appropriate care at the right time and in the right place, through an integrated health care system that is responsive to citizens' needs.

"It is our priority to focus on doing things that improve positive outcomes. Yukon can gain from this work, as well as contribute to it," Graham said.

The minister supports the work on nutrition disclosure—the Informed Dining program—led by B.C. and the restaurant industry. The Informed Dining program provides nutritional information to customers before ordering. Several national restaurant chains, including some in Yukon, have joined the program.

"I am encouraged by the research, innovation, and sharing of best practices across the country. Yukon will need to be innovative to ensure we continue to have a quality health system into the future," Graham added.

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