
The Blood Tribe Addiction Framework

Building on Rich Stories

&

Deep Wisdom

The Art of Listening

A Transformational Collaboration and Co-design Approach

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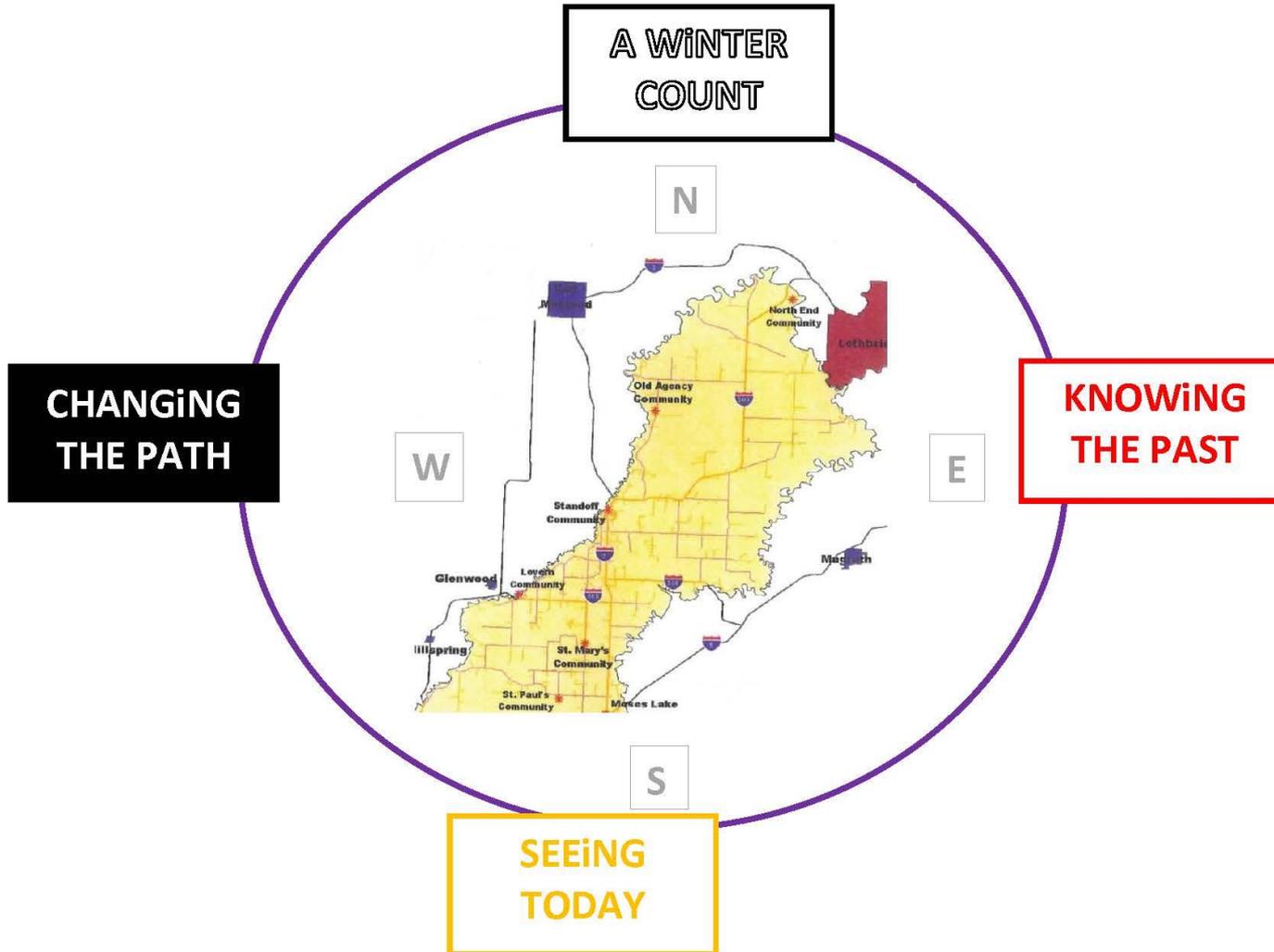
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Bringing the Spirits Home



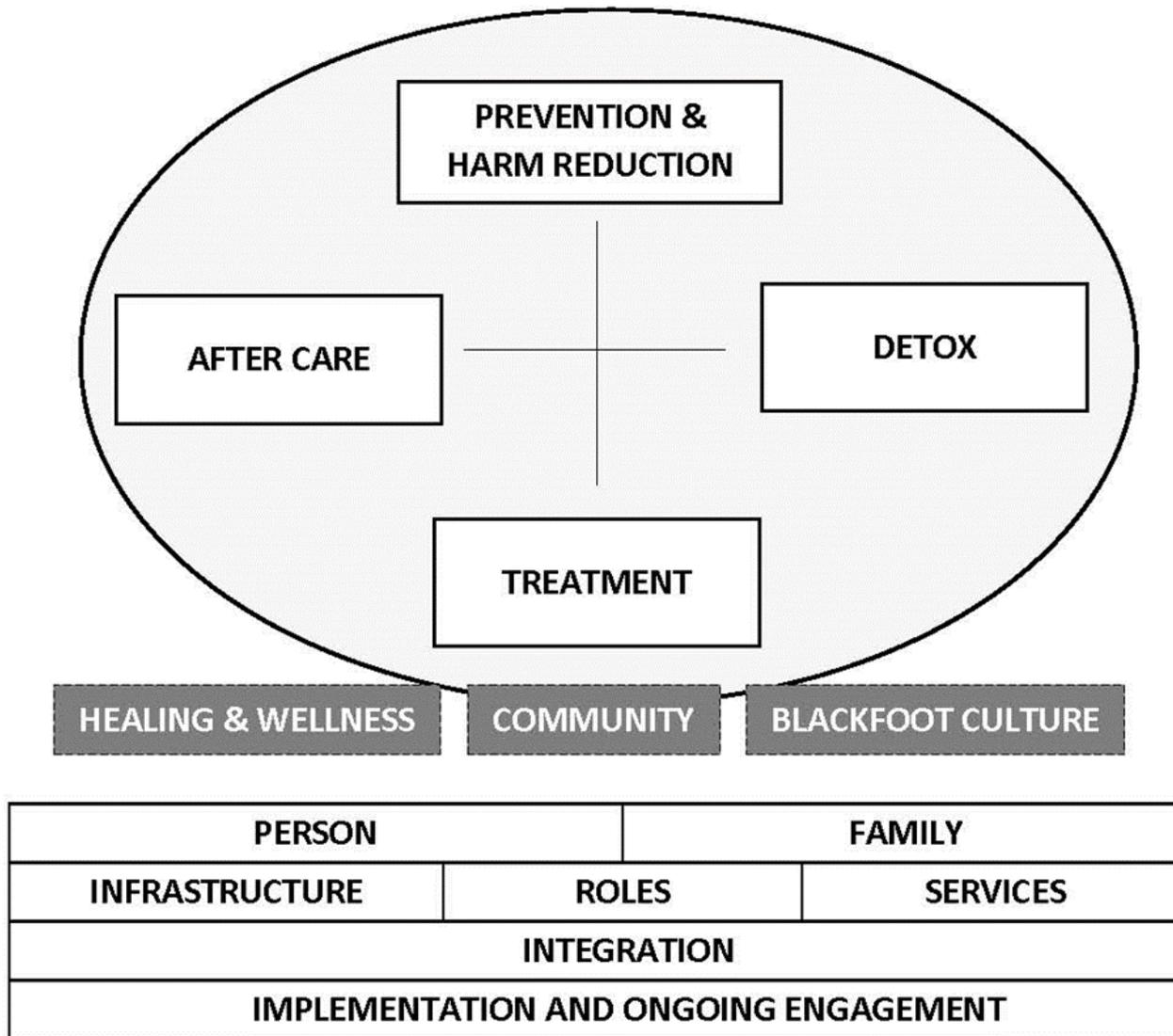
Matapii apohyiyah

“The community speaks”

Based on the voice of the community, we have developed a community-wide, comprehensive, full-continuum of care addiction framework for the Blood Tribe community. The framework is based on the Blackfoot Culture and the local context related to the Blood Tribe population, geography, needs and resources, with thorough attention given to opioid addiction. As a result:

- The community is working towards a common goal
 - The Blood Tribe Department of Health is the backbone structure
 - All health and non-health departments play a role
 - Resources and expertise are aligned, leveraged, and optimized
 - The need for new assets are identified
 - The framework supports the community broadly and long-term
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The Framework:



When Implemented:

The Person will have:

- Access to services sooner, closer to home and after-hours.
- A coordinated point of care entry and a care pathway.
- A personal care plan with medical and spiritual consideration.
- Navigation, advocacy and support.
- Multi- and inter-disciplinary team care.

The Families and Community will play a role in:

- Preventing future addiction, especially focusing on the children.
- Establishing community participation and actions.
- Empowering and involving the youth.

When Implemented:

The Programs and Services will:

- Be healing centered and trauma informed.
- Braid together traditional & non-traditional healing approaches.
- Be patient-centred, whole-person and culturally relevant.

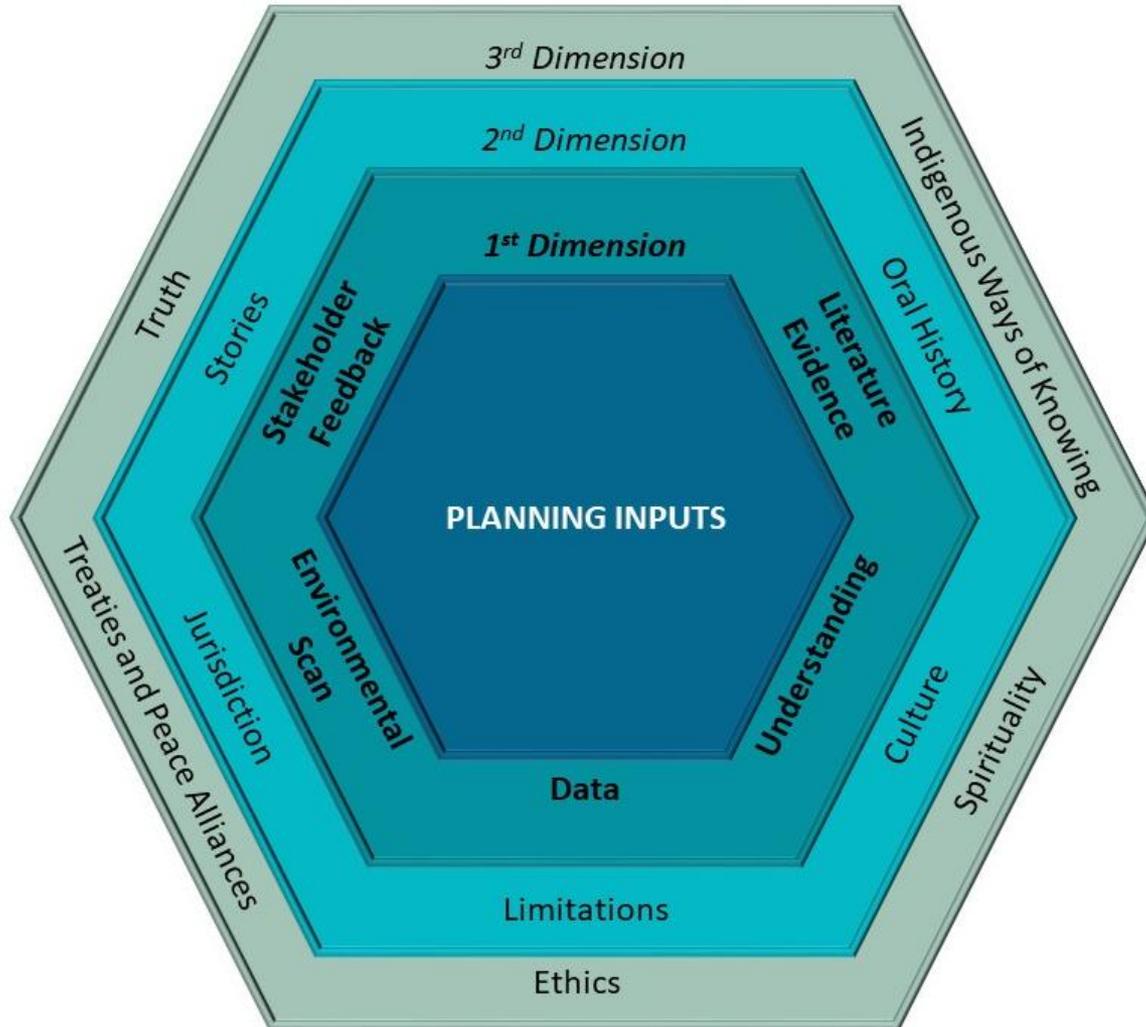
Providers will be supported to:

- Access their own crisis support (Elders & Healers).
- Provide healing centered and trauma informed care.
- Share information across programs.
- Broaden their scope of practice.

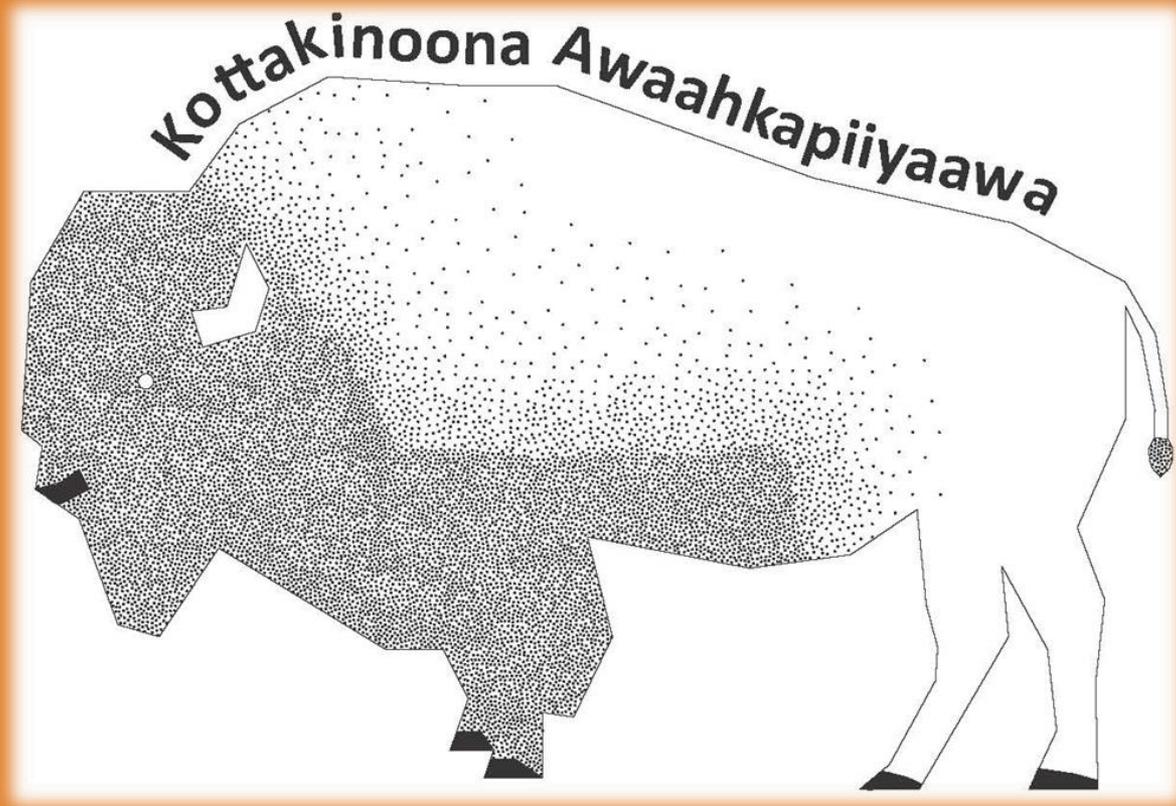
System Improvements include:

- System transformation.
- Addressing determinants of health.
- Hub and spoke model.

Planning Approach:



ENGAGEMENT:



Blood Tribe Engagement



23
groups



400+
people

615

Pieces of
feedback



43

Sub Themes

7

Main Themes

Blood Tribe Engagement

Blood Tribe Department of Health

Blood Tribe Non Health Departments

- Kainai Transition Society
- Blood Tribe Police Services
- Blood Tribe Harm Reduction
- Kainai Board of Education
- Kainai Children's Services
- Kainai Women's Healing Lodge
- Blood Tribe Administration
- Blood Tribe Family Community Support Services
- Blood Tribe Housing
- Blood Tribe Social Development
- Red Crow College
- Kainai Peacemakers Program
- Blood Tribe Employment Skills and Training

Blood Tribe Members

- Users (past & current)
- Family members of users
- Elders & Youth

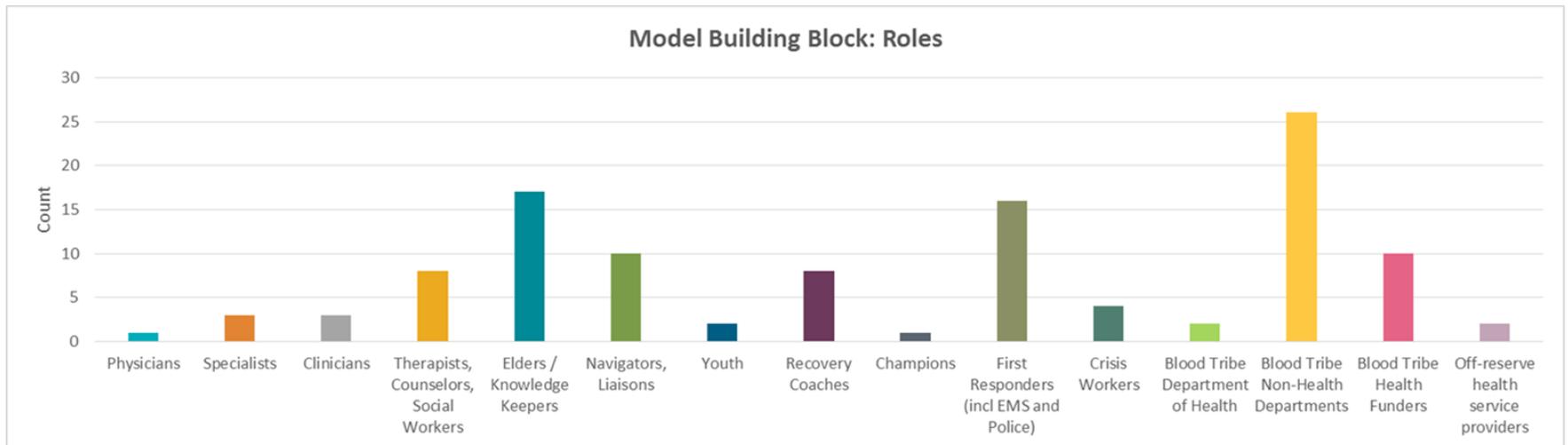
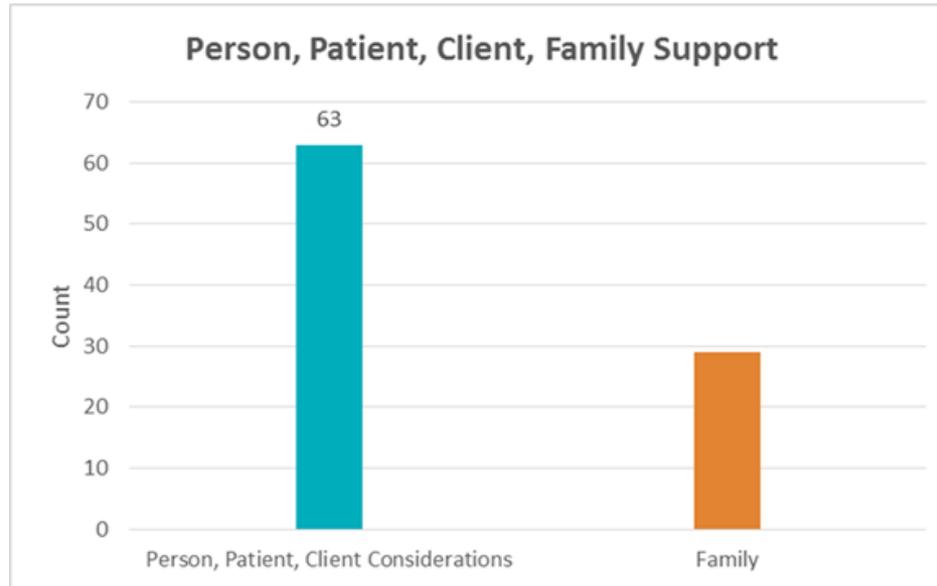
Lethbridge First Nations Services

- Sweetgrass Alliance
- Sik Ooh Kottoki Friendship Center
- ARCHES

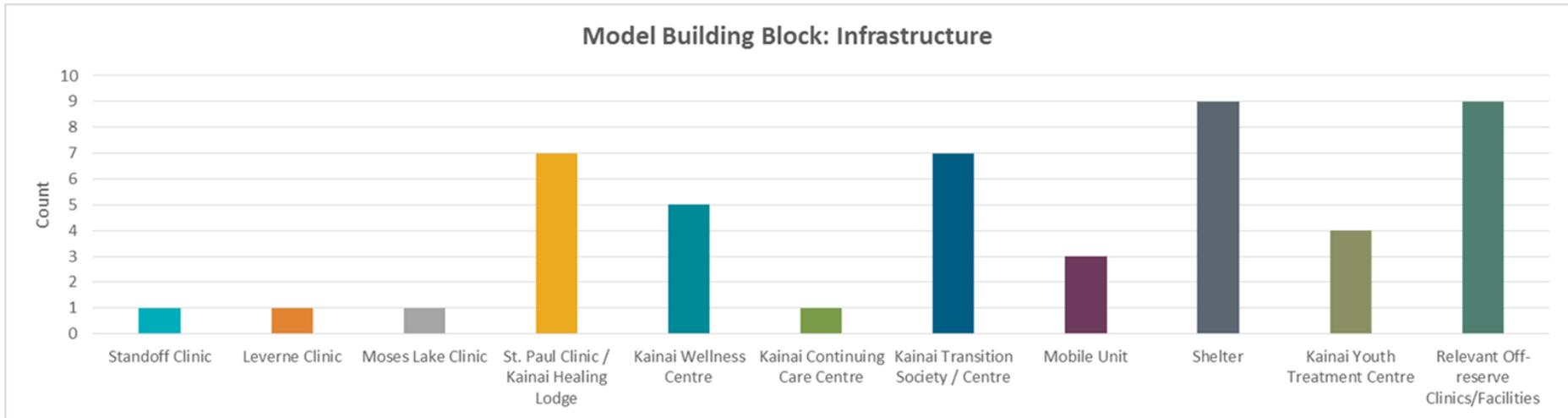
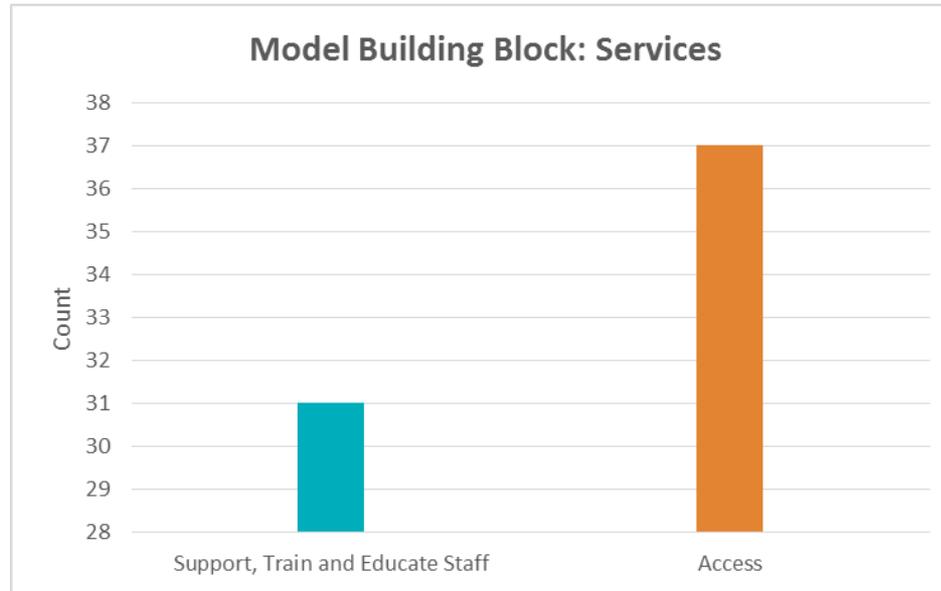
Provincial / Federal

- Kainai Healing Lodge
 - Alberta Health Services Indigenous Health Program
 - South Zone Addiction & Mental Health
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What We Heard



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“This framework is the voice of the people and the community. Because this framework is the voice of the community, it means our people have spoken. Because the people have spoken, we must make it law.”

Reflection from Council Member

Collaboration and Co-design



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Bringing the Spirit Home



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