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**Non-Insured Health Benefits Subcommittee  
Maskwacis Health Center, Maskwacis, AB  
Tuesday, July 5, 2016**

<p><b>Co-Chairs:</b> Tanya Churchill, FNIHB Randy Littlechild, Treaty 6 (Maskwacis)</p> <p><b>HCoM:</b> Beverly Swampy Darcy Jagodainsky</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Marija Small Legs, Treaty 7 Minh Vuong, FNIHB – teleconference Jacqueline FNIHB Regional Pharmacist</p>	<p><b>Subcommittee:</b> Gerri Eaglespeaker John Cristescu, FNIHB Rod Alexis, Treaty 6 (YTC)</p> <p><b>Liaisons:</b> Nicole Tailfeathers, Treaty 7 Arleen Thomas, Treaty 6 (YTC)</p> <p><b>Regrets:</b> Barry Phillips, Treaty 8 Nora Alook, Treaty 8 Heather Hirsch, Treaty 7</p>
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1. **Meeting Call to Order** **Gerri Eaglespeaker 10:20 a.m.**
2. **Introductions**  
Co-Chairs announced the new NIHB Subcommittee members Heather Hirsch, Treaty 7 Treaty, Rod Alexis, Treaty 6 (YTC)
3. **Review of Agenda**

*2016-07-05-#01 Moved by Gerri Eaglespeaker, the NIHB Subcommittee adopt the agenda for July 5, 2016, seconded by Randy Littlechild, all in favor, motion carried.*

4. **Review of Minutes & Action Items**  
February 9 & 10<sup>th</sup>, February 26, 2016, and April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

*2016-07-05-#02 Moved by Tanya Churchill to accept the minutes for February 9 & 10, February 26<sup>th</sup>, and April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, with changes, seconded by Gerri Eaglespeaker, all in favor, motion carried.*

5. **Review of Action Items List** **Subcommittee**  

**Action Item:** Tanya to send out document that was presented to HCoM to subcommittee. The report shows how many are out of province and what the percentage is out of province on the number of distinct clients.  
Eg. Maskwacis has a lot of other band members in their community, however policy states that it is open to all members in your community. Maskwacis would like information on the statistics that are given back to the community that is providing the service. Mental health has the poorest reporting for services on reserve. If this is fee for service, FNIHB tracks this. When communities have it in their Contribution Agreement (CA) they would track whom they are servicing. Express scripts adjudicates for the region and they are



responsible for payments and audits. Once adjudication is made, that entity takes ownership to the vendor.

**Suggestion:** That the Assembly of Treaty Chiefs (AOTC) consider doing a motion to address the dental fee guide. Chiefs need to take the motions forward and the socialization forward with the AFN. These can be raised with Non Insured but FNIHB are not in a position to influence those decisions. These need to come from outside the regional office. AOTC motions need to go to the Minister.

- The fee guide hasn't changed since 1999 which forces the dentists to add a surcharge and provide at least what the current fees are, for glasses, vision MS & E. the subcommittee should look at what Blue Cross provides, see what is covered. At the last Co-Management Jocelyn Andrews, FNIHB Regional Director had questioned whom in the government she would approach for a dental fee guide to the Dental Association of Alberta.

**Action Item:** FNIHB can only provide the list that is in the system. Working to narrow down what is in people's areas.

FNIHB Navigator Position: An internal FNIHB Navigator position was created and filled by FNIHB with internal processes and appointed Allison Trembley former Treaty 6 Navigator. Other treaty area navigators felt that the process was unfair and that other Navigators weren't allowed to apply for the position

- Navigators have not been able to meet with Kim Loh and John Cristescu. Quarterly meetings were to take place with both of them. Navigators would like quarterly meetings and this could be an agenda item.
- Treaty 6 have a Navigator now and will begin in mid July (Karen Minde)

#### 6. Break

11:30 – 11:45 a.m.

#### 7. Action Items Con't

It was announced at the Co-Management meeting on June 24, 2016 that Nadine McRee has been appointed to the joint review committee through the AFN. Question was how she was appointed however it is unclear what the process was.

#### 8. NIHB/MHA Joint Meeting

Darcy Jagodzinsky

- Business Case: The MHA Subcommittee met at the end of June and the fires stalled the business case that they planned to do.
- Communities in Crisis: sent to MHA to see if they want to hold a meeting and discuss next steps. Will host a teleconference and review the final report.
- Victims of Violence: there are 2 strings of funding the subcommittee supported status quo for the MHA were given money to do an environmental scan and there was no update at the last meeting with Co-Management as they were doing work until the end of June. Co-Management gave approval to remain status quo in order to get the funds out. Money went out late last year and they are supporting to get the funding out.

**Next Steps:** Will approach the 3 treaty areas to see if they want this in a flexible agreement and will go to HQ with this to see if they can do flexible agreements and they will review the request on a case-by-case basis so they do not want to lose funding. Everything in Non-Insured is set. If they are in a flexible agreement the Victims of Violence funding will be going forward for a flexible agreement.



**Next Steps:** A lot of collaborative work is done between the two subcommittees and HCoM Secretariat could set up another joint meeting. Business cases are always discussed and want to determine next steps in order for planning.

**9. NIHB Updates – Finance**

**Minh Vuong**

FNIHB presented the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) – Alberta report July 2016 to subcommittee.

- The negative percentages are because of the different times that bills are paid. General dentistry is growing. Subcommittee would like to see what orthodontics looks like compared to general dentistry.
- IRS utilization has increased in the last year. The information has to be obtained from HQ it cannot be given by FNIHB. This year saw a 19% increase.
- There was a decrease in Champion funding but received funding for Victims of Violence and funding for vans and growth.

**Action Item:** Minh Vuong to run a report on which vendors are currently billing FNIHB in the M S & E. and to include contact information as well.

**Action Item:** discussion needs to take place regarding damage to hotel rooms that FNIHB are paying for, as this is becoming an issue. A list of hotels that are being used can be obtained by FNIHB.

**Action Item:** Tanya to send out list to sc. Meal rates to also be provided to subcommittee/navigators.

Subcommittee question if the client complaints are captured when they are sent to FNIHB. A letter is being generated by staff to be sent to the Managers of the hotels. Discussion can take place at the next MT forum and the new FNIHB NIHB Liaison, Alison Tremblay has been out to sample the vendors.

**Medical Transportation:** Each community has a CA with FNIHB and each community handles Medical Transportation. FNIHB can come and do a presentation at the community and orient on the responsibilities are and the role of the ERU where gas support are provided etc.

**Suggestion:** to have AHS to discuss programs that clients could access and break this down by each treaty area.

- What is the process of the Aboriginal Liaison/Social worker/unit clerk/Doctor?
- The fee grid is available online for dental under NIHB for anyone who wishes to access that information.

**Action Item:** Randy Littlechild to provide a list of policy changes on dental to HCoM to disseminate to subcommittee.

- MSE: An announcement will be coming out soon and there may be some products added.

**Action Item:** FNIHB send the fax broadcast that went out to disseminate to the sc/navigators.

- The pharmacy's National joint review has this gone to the pharmacies and Jacqueline is willing to go out and do presentations in communities.



**Action Item:** Randy Williamson to request a comparison from HQ on general dentistry/orthodontics a 5 year chart from HQ regarding fees and client utilization and ask for a breakdown for the subcommittee.

- Navigators will be invited to the Client Service Training.

**10. Navigator Update**

Treaty 7 – Treaty 7 has experienced issues with the ERU and feel that this is becoming a personal issue. Request that the item be dealt with accordingly. The Navigator’s are to hold a meeting with John Cristescu at Canada Place and meet adjudicators.

**Action Item:** Marija Smalllegs to send an email to John and Alison to set a date.

**11. Break**

**2:45 – 3:00 p.m.**

**12. MT Forum**

Final report was presented and some of the specific questions were answered. The specific ones such as transportation issues with greyhound and those who picked up the service are not doing a good job. Some are simply communication issues. Working at getting a better phone service. Addressing client complaints that are coming in. working at better communication with the Health Directors. As a part of the Health Director calls and the Transportation calls that the final report be discussed on the calls to move forward.

**Action Item:** FNIHB to update the group on the final report.

**Action Item:** Darcy Jagodzinsky to contact Treaty 8 to see if they are able to provide information as follow up to their Treaty 8 gathering.

**13. Community Capacity**

**Darcy Jagodzinsky**

Work has been done to look at the business cases in order to enhance the capacity in Non-Insured Health Benefits. The HCoM Coordinator and the Navigators reviewed the action plan and presented the Proposed Capacity Building activities document for 2016/2017. The Eye See Eye learn was a program that needed to be made more aware of. It was noted that so many FN children are not getting their vision checked.

**Action Item:** Darcy and Navigators to work with the region on the business case (John & Jacqueline to focus on the first 3 priority areas presented (Pharmacy, Vision & MS & E) 2 items would require minimal funding and would be a workplan rather than a business case. Items such as things to enhance an office are less likely to be approved however the items that directly impact a community are more likely to be approved.

*2016-07-05-#03 Moved by Randy Littlechild that the NIHB approve and implement the following community capacity development priority areas 1. Vision 2. Pharmacy 3. Medical Supplies and Equipment seconded by Trista Simpson all in favor, motion carried.*

**14. Date an Time of Next meeting**

September 13 & 14 <sup>th</sup>	Edmonton, Alberta
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**15. Meeting Adjourned**

**3:38 p.m.**