

**Health Protection Subcommittee  
7-025 Canada Place, Edmonton, AB  
September 10, 2015**

<p><b>Sub Committee Co-Chairs:</b> Wadieh Yacoub, FNIHB Faye Isbister North Peigan</p> <p><b>Liaisons:</b> Julia Turner, FNIHB Arleen Thomas, Treaty 6 Nora Alook, Treaty 8</p> <p><b>Regrets:</b> Gloria Fraser, Treaty 8 Bonnie Graham, Treaty 6 Lisa Beaverbone, Treaty 6</p>	<p><b>Subcommittee:</b> Doris Courtorielle, Treaty 8 Cecelia Blackwater, Treaty 7</p> <p><b>HCOM:</b> Beverly Swampy Darcy Jagodzinsky</p> <p><b>Guests:</b> Nadine McRee, Confederacy Treaty 6 Dale Steinhaur, TCVI Theresa Cardinal, Saddle Lake – Observer Bonnie Healy, AFNIGC Nathalie Lachance, FNIHB Dr. Parminder Thiara, FNIHB Dr. Chris Sarin, FNIHB</p>
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| 1. Meeting Call to Order     | 9:05 a.m.          |
| 2. Invocation                | Doris Courtorielle |
| 3. Adoption of Agenda        | Accepted           |
| 4. Review of Meeting Summary | June 11, 2015      |

*2015-09-10-#01 Moved by Arleen Thomas, to adopt the minutes for June 11, 2015, seconded by Doris Courtorielle, all in favor, motion carried.*

5. **Business Arising** **Wadieh Yacoub**  
**Action Item:** HCOM Coordinator was to contact Mr. Mike Beaver to make a presentation on land based environmental teachings for this meeting but due to a busy agenda it was requested to move the presentation to a later date. Upon reflection, the sub committee indicated that the presentation is relevant to all other subcommittees and could include all treaty areas perspectives.  
**Conclusion:** Subcommittee agrees to add the Health Protection Professional Development item to be a joint subcommittee planning session in February 2016.
6. **HCoM Update** **Darcy Jagodzinsky**  
The HCoM Secretariat is finalizing the annual review submissions to be presented to the HCOM Committee in October 2015. The Secretariat is also working with partners on the development of process to create a new strategic plan for HCoM. One key element of the plan is to ensure that community voices are heard and threaded throughout the developmental processes. The development of the plan will include partners such as AFNIGC, SHIP, and the NIHB group to ensure that what is developed includes indicators.
7. **Indian Registry System:** **Bonnie Healy/Nathalie Lachance/Amy Colquhoun**  
A number of representatives have been meeting with the Health Information Working Group to assist and strengthen the process in accessing the Indian Registry System. The Health Information Governance Agreement is going to take some time to develop but work is well underway and all partners will be contributing the process to ensure the final agreement developed is relevant and covers all potential areas of governance. The final



application form needs to be signed by all parties and non-signatories will have to identify if they want to opt out. In terms of process, the working group is only at the application stage and the agreement will determine details on processes.

- **Action Item:** Bonnie to forward the documents to HCOM to be distributed
- **Action Item:** Presenters to provide a briefing note that will be forwarded to the subcommittee liaisons to brief their respective chiefs. The Grand Chief of Treaty 7 requested that this go through the Co-management process and it would be then submitted for approval to the Co-Management Chiefs and brought forward to AoTC.

*2015-09-10-#02 Moved by Faye North Peigan That the Health Protection subcommittee are in support the signing of the Indian Registration System (IRS) Data access request application as presented and that this be forwarded to the Co-Management Chiefs for approval and signature, seconded by Doris Courtorielle, all in favor, motion carried*

## 8. Surveillance Plan

**Dr. Parminder Thiara**

At the June 2015 meeting the subcommittee requested to review the surveillance plan and were to provide comments to the document in July 2015 to Dr. Thiara. Within the surveillance plan there are 3 key goals:

- a. Greater coordination within First Nations Inuit Health Branch to support program areas and communities;
- b. Promoting and supporting AFNIGC and First Nation communities in their surveillance and analytic capacity;
- c. Work with other partners such as Alberta Health, Alberta Health Services, and AFNIGC to tell a complete story.

Prior to the summer, SHIP and NIHB teams started to review the workplan to see what can be initially addressed. The teams then began to explore the indicators that are being used and review project expectations. If possible, the teams would like to make a presentation at the next subcommittee meeting for input. With reporting, there was previously a Health Protection report that was regional document but over the years there has been increased requests for community specific reports. These documents are 4 pages that currently identify report on rates of immunization, reportable communicable diseases and environmental public health in communities. The next area of reporting being explored includes mental health; the teams are making changes to the template at this time. Larger communities have more information than smaller communities; for smaller communities, as reportable numbers may be small, efforts are made to ensure no one can be identified. The goal is to distribute information quicker; one goal is to have back to communities within 3 months from when it is received in region.

**Suggestion:** FNIHB staff be offered training in the area of data story telling as many cultures use story telling to express their perspectives and interpret data.

**Action Item:** Parminder to incorporate the story telling in 1.4 of the document.

If the subcommittee wishes to make any changes/ recommendations to the document they are to contact Dr. Thiara and she will incorporate.



**9. e-Immunization**

**Dr.**

**Chris Sarin**

The e-Health program reports to the Operations & Support subcommittee, which includes e-Immunization investments. The goal for the program is to improve the accessibility of data, as there are often data gaps and problematic functions for communities. Another goal includes assisting communities that are collaborating with provincial systems. The Operations & Support subcommittee has approved TSAG hosting the annual licensing fees agreement for CHIP with the OKAKI Company. There are also additional e-Health projects occurring in the region such as the Siksika Netcare Project, which allows Siksika to work directly with provincial databases. There will be a presentation to the Operations & Support committee and discussion of funds next week. At the last meeting of the Health Protection subcommittee in June 2015 there was an action item for a small group to focus on the e-Immunization and they were to report to this subcommittee but they have not met to date.

**Action Item:** Dr. Sarin to contact the group and set up the next meeting (Bonnie Graham, Faye Isbister North-Peigan, Ruth Richardson, Dr. Thiara, Dr. Sarin, and a rep from SHIP).

**Action Item:** Working group to determine how they can use this information and what are the steps that would need to be initiated and present to sub committee on recommended next steps. One additional consideration is privacy, it would be great for the group to have a presenter on this area.

**10. Operational Planning**

**Nathalie Lachance**

\*\*Full presentation on file with meeting summary. Co-Management will be meeting in October where the Operational Plan will be presented and reviewed. The next steps after the review process includes submission to the national office, the region is expecting a final approval by February 2016.

**11. LUNCH**

**11:50 – 12:45 p.m.**

**12. Public Health Focus**

**Nadine McRee**

Nadine McRee from the Confederacy of Treaty 6 sits on a national committee and each region was asked what they are doing on public health? Nationally, there are many regions adopting public health committees, is this something that may interest the Alberta region? In 2001, Alberta was the first region in Canada to organize the department linking public health functions to organizational structure. Alberta was actually the first region to initiate this and now the other regions have ~~catching up~~ realigned accordingly over the last decade. When reviewing organizational structures, public health core functions need to be a consideration. This is why programs are organized in each of the areas.

**13. Communicable Disease Report**

**Ruth Richardson**

\*\*Full report presented to Subcommittee and in file with meeting minutes.

**14. Housing Programs in First Nations**

**David Pare, AANDC**

\*\*Full presentation kept on file with meeting summary. David Pare, works closely with CMHC to support First Nation communities in Alberta to develop sustainable housing options. In order to make strong advancements with First Nations housing discussions need to be initiated with communities to develop ~~and~~ new innovative options. Treaty 7 is going to have their information session and this item can be forwarded to them to add to their future agenda.



**Action Item:** Follow up on sub committee request to have one Health Protection representative and one from First Nations Inuit Health Branch to sit on the AANDC Housing Think Thank

**Action Item:** Housing to be an agenda item for the HCOM Committee

**15. Regional Operational Planning Discussions**

**Subcommittee**

- These are items that have been worked on in the previous years and reviewed with subcommittee.
- The department is working with the province to purchase vaccines; in all regions vaccines for First Nations are provided by provincial health departments, except in Alberta
- The numbers in the operational plan will be updated for 2016/17 and distributed to the sub committee.
- Animal bites: Concern regarding funding for animal clinics and the message that this not the mandate for FNIHB. The table agrees that this is an important item and will continue to advocate for funding and include in the operational plan.
- (to be clear no impacts on service in our region)

**Action Item:** Operational Plan to be populated with recommendations from the sub committee and final copy to be forwarded for sub committee review.

**16. EHO Update**

**Simon Sihota**

\*\*Full report reviewed with subcommittee and kept on file with meeting summary.

There has been a request for representatives to sit on the evaluation committee to review contaminant proposals across the country. If anyone is interested, please forward to Simon, the review will most likely take place in October/November in Ottawa. There is a new program director at Concordia University; it would be an opportunity to possibly invite the director to make a presentation to the sub committee. The University is also exploring partnerships with organizations on contaminants research. Simon will ask them to provide a one page summary sheet.

- **Action Item:** Simon will invite the new director Sonya Song for the next meeting.

**17. Date and time of next meeting**

**December 2, 2015**

Red Deer, AB