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**Health Co-Management Committee Meeting
River Cree Resort and Casino, Enoch, Alberta
October 26 – 27, 2015**

Co-Chairs:

Jocelyn Andrews, FNIHB
Chief Charles Weaselhead, Treaty 7

Liaisons:

Nora Alook, Treaty 8
Arleen Thomas, Treaty 6

Treaty 6:

Nadine McRee, Treaty 6 (Day 1)
Randy Littlechild, Maskwacis
Bonita Saddleback, Maskwacis
Pamela Threefingers, Maskwacis (Day 1)
Ramona Deschamps, Maskwacis (Day 1)
Barb Paul, Alexis (Day 1)
Jordan Head, Enoch
Lynn Generoux, Enoch (Day 1)
Brad Rabbit, Maskwacis (Day 1)
Roxanne Perry, Frog Lake (Day 2)
Dale Steinhauer (Day 2)
Irvine Bull, Maskwacis (Day 1)
Rhonda Kootney (YTC – Day 1 notetaker)

Alberta Health Services

Valerie Austen-Wiebe
Peter McKinnon
Brenda Laboucan
Marty Landrie (Day 2)

Guests

Bonnie Healy, AFNIGC (Day 1)
Amy Colquhoun, Alberta Health (Day 1)
Dr. David Swann, Alberta Health (Day 2)
Sandra Klashinsky, Alberta Health (Day 2)
Jane Yi, Alberta Health (Day 2)

Subcommittee:

Chief Kurt Buffalo, Treaty 6 (Day 1)
Chief Steve Courtoreille, Treaty 8
Rhonda Laboucan, FNIHB

HCoM:

Darcy Jagodzinsky, HCoM

FNIHB:

Nathalie Lachance, FNIHB
Kim Loh, FNIHB
John Cristeau, FNIHB (Day 2)
Coreen Everington (Day 2)
Minh Vuong, FNIHB

Treaty 7:

Carolynn Small Legs, Treaty 7
Faye North Peigan, Piikani
Tyler White, Siksika (Day 2)
Anne Many Heads, Treaty 7

Treaty 8:

Caroline Adam, Treaty 8
Dale Tallman, Treaty 8
Beverly Ward, Loon River Cree Nation

Regrets:

Chief Tony Alexis, Treaty 6
Chief Vincent Yellow Old Woman, Treaty 7
Beverly Swampy, HCoM

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| 1. Meeting Call to Order | 6:26 p.m |
| 2. Welcoming Remarks | Darcy Jagodzinsky |
| 3. Special Presentation Pamela Threefingers | Chief Kurt Buffalo & Randy Littlechild |
| 4. 2014-2015 HCoM Annual Review | Darcy Jagodzinsky |
- The HCoM 2015 – 2015 Annual Review was presented to the HCoM Committee. The Annual Review was developed in collaboration with the treaty area liaisons and all of the



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sub committee co-chairs. This document highlights all of the hard work that has been initiated during the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

2015-10-26-#01 Moved by Chief Kurt Buffalo to accept the 2014-2015 HCoM Annual Review as presented, seconded by Chief Steve Courtoreille, all in favor, motion carried.

5. HCoM Health Secretariat Update

Darcy Jagodzinsky

The Health Secretariat has been working with the Treaty area Liaisons and the Co-Chairs to develop an HCoM Orientation Manual. The Manual will be an incredible tool for anyone who would like to learn about HCoM and the processes within the structure.

Discussions

- There was a number of concerns regarding addressing community needs and refocusing attention on grassroots' First Nation community needs, as there currently is no clear process for community members to bring forward their specific concerns.

Action Item: Health Secretariat work in partnership with Treaty areas and FNIHB to develop recommendations on how we can ensure that Alberta First Nation communities are engaged in all HCoM Processes, this includes Non-signatories and Signatories to Co-Management.

6. HCoM Evaluation & HCoM Strategic Planning

Darcy Jagodzinsky

Agenda item moved to October 27, 2015

2015-10-26-#02 Moved by Chief Kurt Buffalo to move the HCoM Evaluation and HCoM Strategic Planning agenda items to October 27, 2015, seconded by Chief Steve Courtoreille, all in favor, motion carried.

7. Indian Registry System Application

Amy Colquhoun & Bonnie Healy

It is understood that the autonomy of each First Nation community in Alberta must be respected and will be a priority of the project. The use of the data will be very specific to ensure that the project meets the needs of all First Nation communities in Alberta. The data will be gathered to improve planning processes for all communities. The application process is the first step in the process and areas governance needs to be determined by all the partners of the project (Treaties 6, 7 & 8, Alberta Health, AFNIGC, FNIHB, AANDC).

2015-10-26-#03 Moved by Chief Steve Courtoreille to support the signing of the application and to further develop the First Nations Health Information Governance Agreement to support First Nations Health Surveillance Data in Alberta, seconded by Chief Kurt Buffalo, all in favor, motion carried.

2015-10-26-#04 Moved by Chief Charles Weaselhead to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chief Steve Courtoreille, all in favor, motion carried.



8. Meeting Adjourned

1. Day 2

2. Invocation

3. Opening Remarks

4. Review of Agenda

- Addition of HCoM Evaluation and HCoM Strategic Planning
- Meeting Summary agenda item to be moved to the afternoon

8:24 p.m

October 27, 2015

Chief Steve Courtoreille

HCoM Committee

2015-10-27-#01 Moved by Chief Charles Weaselhead to accept the agenda as presented with revisions, seconded by Rhonda Laboucan, all in favor, motion carried.

5. Alberta Mental Health Review

Tyler White, Dr. David Swan, Jane Yi

The Alberta Mental Health Review was launched on September 3, 2015. To date there have been numerous focus groups and multiple groups consulted on Alberta's addiction and mental health systems. The review had 4 components, which were:

- a. On-line questionnaire
- b. Focus Groups
- c. Stakeholder Sessions (Treaty 6, 7, & 8)
- d. Organizational Presentations (Metis Nation, Native Counselling Services, Alberta Teachers Association, etc.)

The next step for the review is to compile all of the information and develop an action plan from the findings. Some of the gaps and challenges identified by First Nation groups are jurisdictional challenges, access and quality of services, cultural appropriateness of programming and health professional understanding of First Nation intergenerational trauma, racism, stigma, and system barriers.

Discussions:

- It is important for the Alberta Mental Health Review team to understand how Co-Management works and what is offered on and off reserve for First Nation communities in Alberta to ensure there is no duplication of services offered;
- There is a need for increased resources on-reserve, especially in terms of capacity, if changes are to occur for First Nation communities in Alberta, it must happen at the community level;
- It is important for the Action Plan to also consider Early Intervention programming to include youth and children;
- Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada need to be included as a stakeholder as they are accountable to First Nation communities;
- Education on First Nations issues such as intergenerational trauma needs to be initiated to front-line staff as well as all health professionals offering services;
- Consider developing Trauma Treatment Centers to support community programming;
- The Action Plan needs to ensure that Children in Care are considered and programming can support them.



6. Regional FNIHB Update

Jocelyn Andrews

Treasury Board approved upstream programming and in July 2015, the Minister of Health announced the renewal of permanent ongoing funding. This year's HSIF program funds were pro-rated due to the release funding date. The Aboriginal Health Human Resources Initiative (AHHRI) was additionally renewed; the region is managing \$437,500 in funds, which is comprised of \$300,000 that is a legacy commitment for health career positions. Further discussion on next steps for the AHHRI Initiative will occur at the Operations & Support Sub Committee. The Operations & Support Sub Committee will develop a briefing note that explores historical AHHRI activities for the HCoM Committee. This document can be used to advocate for larger amounts of the national monies identified. Regionally, there is a firm commitment to support communities in crisis; there are a few sub committees that will be delivering a forum to address this issue and the region is fully supporting the activity.

7. Operations & Support Sub Committee Update

Rhonda Laboucan

Financial Update

The current financial presentation was developed with the support of the Operations & Support Sub Committee. There have been questions regarding the delivery of the NIHB program for Yukon, BC, & NWT by the Alberta call center after-hours, it is important to note that no funds are impacted in Alberta and/or grouped into Alberta numbers. Alberta is providing support via call center only and the regions are funding for the regions is completely separate. If there were to be an issue it would be workload pressures issue for the Alberta call center.

Recommendations:

- Addition of denials to the NIHB Administration Benefits Slide
- Further break down NIHB Per Capital Expenditure by Region slide into Treaty Areas and benefits, if possible it would be ideal to include trending

Action Item: Minh Vuong to break down the NIHB per Capita Expenditures slide by Treaty area and benefit and to include trending.

Operations & Support Update

The sub-committee is proud to support the 2nd cycle of the Operational Plan. It has been identified that the first feedback from the national office on the Operational Plan will be by December 21, 2015 at this time revisions will be completed and forwarded back to the national office. The region is expecting the final approval for the plan to be in February 2016. The sub-committee has also brought forward a motion to support the development of a new position within the PTO's to support Planning and Management i.e. Operational Plan. The sub-committee has recommended the development of a Financial Analysis Working Group. This working group will be exploring opportunities to increase financial understanding for all of HCoM. The next steps are to confirm the working group members and identify the Terms of Reference and scope for the working group. It is important to identify all the possible needs for all of HCoM regarding financial analysis, as there are opportunities that can be developed. The HSIF Projects have been reviewed and brought forward by the Operations & Support Sub Committee for the 2015-2016. There is a need to determine how to allocate funds in the future, as there are multiple other partners at the HSIF tables such as Alberta Health Services and the Government of Alberta.



Action Item: Operations & Support Sub Committee to review TOR, Membership & appointment criteria for all Sub Committees.

2015-10-27-#02 Moved by Chief Steve Courtoreille to support the 2016-2017 Operations & Support Subcommittee Recommendation to allocate \$450,000 for the CHPP program & other regional training initiatives, seconded by Chief Charles Weaselhead, all in favor, motion carried.

2015-10-27-#03 Moved by Chief Charles Weaselhead to support the 2016-2017 Operations & Support Sub Committee Recommendation to allocate \$300,000 for the PTO Operational Planning Support Personnel, seconded by Chief Steve Courtoreille, all in favor, motion carried.

2015-10-27-#04 Moved by Chief Charles Weaselhead to support the 2015-2016 HSIF agreement holders and allocations as recommended by the Operations & Support Sub Committee, seconded by Chief Steve Courtoreille, all in favor, motion carried.

2015-10-27-#05 Moved by Chief Charles Weaselhead to support HSIF funds to be allocated by the Joint Action Plan Senior Steering Committee moving forward, seconded by Chief Steve Courtoreille, all in favor, motion carried.

Lunch

12:10 p.m. – 1:10 pm

8. First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum Framework

The First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum Framework is a guiding document that will be used going forward in the Alberta region. The framework supports a comprehensive approach to mental wellness programming in First Nation communities. The goal of the framework is to support First Nation communities to re-profile resources and develop programs that align with one another at the community level. The framework takes into account the important role of culture, traditions, and language in all programming offered at the community level. This document is intended to further seek collaborations with all potential partners to ensure that services offered reflect community needs.

9. Mental Health & Addictions Update

Alberta NNADAP Treatment Center Outcome Evaluation

There was a motion in the fall of 2013 to complete the evaluation from the HCoM Committee. One of the main purposes for the study was to gain further understanding of the effectiveness of the Alberta NNADAP Treatment Centers in particular post treatment support provided to clients. Some findings that came forward was that there was limited follow up information collected on clients therefore limited services were provided upon completion of programming. The next steps for the project include the development of an implementation plan that includes all potential community stakeholders such as the



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NNADAP Workers, NNADAP Treatment Centers, and the Mental Health & Addiction's Sub-Committee.

Action Item: Alberta NNADAP Treatment Center Outcome Evaluation to be shared with partners as a draft.

Action Item: Mental Health & Addictions Sub Committee to present the implementation plan to the HCoM Committee.

Victims of Violence Investments

In February 2015, the Minister of Health announced an investment of \$100M over 10 years to improve responses to victims of violence. The monies were split between the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) and First Nations Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB); the ratios are 70/30 between the two organizations. The first stream for the monies (\$222,477) is from the Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) Program. The second stream is for community-based programming (\$153,751).

Discussions:

- It is best to use this year's fund to focus on education and planning;
- Align PHAC's investments with FNIHB's;
- Include additional partners such as Designated First Nation Agencies, First Nation Communities, other organizations that support First Nations that are victims of violence;
- Use the funds to identify gaps, wellness planning, and strengthen community specific data.

2015-10-7-#06 Moved by Chief Charles Weaselhead to accept the Alberta NNADAP Treatment Center Outcome Evaluation presentation in principle, seconded by Chief Steve Courtoreille, all in favor, motion carried.

2015-10-7-#07 Moved by Chief Charles Weaselhead to forward the funds (\$153,751.00) to the Three PTO offices to support the development of a needs assessment and environmental scan that identifies priorities, possible frameworks, and identifies future needs for the funding for First Nation communities in Alberta, seconded by Chief Steve Courtoreille, all in favor, motion carried.

10. NIHB Update

Victims of Violence

As previously identified the stream for NIHB (stream 1) is \$222,477.

Discussion:

- There is a need to increase capacity to effectively identify community needs in Alberta.

Alberta NIHB Action Plan

The NIHB Action Plan is a made in Alberta model. The NIHB Sub Committee will be exploring specific areas that can support First Nation community members accessing



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benefits. The AFN joint process will be releasing their recommendations on the mental health benefit on November 12, 2014.

Discussions:

- Endorsement to bring Medical Transportation Coordinators together for knowledge exchange, training and learning.

2015-10-27-#08 Moved by Jocelyn Andrews to support each PTO for the administration of the benefit under stream 1 (NIHB), which would complement the capacity of the PTO's to support stream 2 (community-based programs), seconded by Chief Charles Weaselhead, all in favor, motion carried.

2015-10-27-#09 Moved by Jocelyn Andrews that there be a regional approach to engage on results of the national joint review and draft report, updates on joint review processes, information on the launch of the mental health review, and the NIHB Action Plan, seconded by Chief Charles Weaselhead, all in favor, motion carried.

11. Meeting Summaries

April 27, 2015

- Add Rhonda Laboucan to Committee Members in attendance
- Add Chief Buffalo and Chief Yellow Old Woman to identified regrets

Action Item: Jocelyn Andrews to provide a briefing on Alberta Region's growth allocations.

Action Item: HCoM Health Secretariat to forward recommendation of including an impact analysis of how a 2% growth rate negatively impacts programming in First Nation communities in Alberta to the Financial Analysis Working Group.

May 12, 2015

- Spelling of Chief Courtoreille

July 29, 2015

- Add Chief Yellow Old Woman to identified regrets

September 14, 2015

2015-10-27-#10 Moved by Chief Steve Courtoreille to adopt the April 27, 2015, May 12, 2015, July 29, 2015, and the September 14, 2015 meeting summaries with revisions, seconded by Jocelyn Andrews, all in favour, motion carried.

12. HCoM Evaluation & Strategic Planning

Discussions:

- The Composition of the HCoM Evaluation Implementation Committee to include: HCoM Evaluation Steering Committee, PTO Health Directors, and the Health Secretariat
- This group can also identify next steps for the HCoM Strategic Plan



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2015-10-27-#11 Moved by Chief Steve Courtoreille to support the composition of the HCoM Evaluation Implementation Committee as discussed, seconded by Jocelyn Andrews, all in favour, motion carried.

13. Closing Remarks

14. Meeting Adjournment

3:42 PM