



**Health Protection Subcommittee
December 2, 2015**

<p>Co-Chairs: Dr. Wadieh Yacoub, FNIHB Fay North Peigan</p> <p>HCoM: Darcy Jagodzinsky Beverly Swampy</p> <p>Regrets: Lisa Beaverbone, Treaty 6 - YTC</p>	<p>Subcommittee: Gloria Fraser, Treaty 8 Cecilia Blackwater, Treaty 7 Doris Courtorielle, Treaty 8 Bonnie Graham, Treaty 6 (Maskwacis)</p> <p>Liaisons: Nora Alook, Treaty 8 Arleen Thomas, Treaty 6</p> <p>Guests: Alice Peters, Treaty 6 (YTC) Andrea Warman, FNIHB Lisa Eisenbeis , FNIHB Ruth Richardson, FNIHB Simon Sihota, FNIHB Shawn Grono, FNIHB Judy Halladay, FNIHB Parminder Thiara, FNIHB</p>
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| 1. Meeting Call to Order | 9:05 a.m |
| 2. Invocation | Doris Courtorielle |
| 3. Review of Agenda | Wadieh Yacoub |
| Request for discussion on HIV rates in Saskatchewan. To be discussed on CDC report. | |

2015-12-02-#01 Moved by Gloria Fraser to adopt the agenda for December 2, 2015, seconded by Cecilia Blackwater, all in favor, motion carried.

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| 4. Review of Minutes | Subcommittee |
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2015-12-02-#02 Moved by Cecilia Blackwater, to adopt the minutes for September 10, 2015, seconded by Doris Courtorielle, all in favor, motion carried.

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| 5. Study on TB/Contact Investigations in Alberta | Lisa Eisenbeis |
| Staff (Health Canada and First Nation's communities) have excelled in their work, especially in the area of monitoring TB and contact tracing. Lisa presented the outcomes of TB contact tracing in Alberta, inclusive of the people follow up in First Nations communities. | |
| 6. CDC | Ruth Richardson |
| Ruth Richardson provided the CDC report, the subcommittee highlighted areas of concern regarding lack of submissions for extra funding from 16 communities to receive funds for Emergency Preparedness and Response community plans. It is noted that sometimes that the amount of funds that are given is not worth the reporting that needs to be done. It was discussed if there is a way to have those 16 communities together and have a planning session to discuss how they can do this? The subcommittee also inquired if there could be | |



additional supports for STI's especially in the area of screening. It was noted that currently FNIHB Nursing is reviewing some of the modules that AHS has put in place but these modules would need to be at the programming level in First Nation communities.

Suggestion: That the request for additional STI supports discussion be brought forward to the joint table between FNIHB and AHS, if there are no funds available in FNIHB then leverage resources from AHS and move towards a partnership as there is a gap.

Action Item: Ruth Richardson to identify how many communities in each treaty area that have not accessed EMA support dollars and identify if there is the option to get these communities together and let them know how they can be supported.

7. Environmental Health

Simon Sihota

Simon Sihota provided a summary on Environmental Health that was reviewed by the Subcommittee. Currently FNIHB is putting together a gap analysis on the cost of delivering the water program in the region and are requesting for an increase in the funds to support communities.

Action Item: Simon to provide an update at the February meeting.

8. Regional Surveillance

Dr. Parminder Thiara

A Co-Management Committee meeting was held on October where a motion was passed to support the signing of the application to further develop the AFNIGC agreement to support the First Nations Health Surveillance Data in Alberta. For data sources, some people are asking for statistics and would like to know how detailed the information can be for the communities. In the requests they will pull all the data that they can access and if they can't access it, they can work together to find what specific data they are looking for.

Suggestion: That there could be a workshop held for Health Directors specific to Data requests.

Action Item: Parminder to send report to HCoM to distribute.

9. EHealth

Faye NorthPeigan

The goal of the EHealth system is to improve immunization uptake rates. The terms of reference for the Health Protection Sub Committee Working Group- Optimizing use of Electronic Immunization Systems was presented to the Health Protection Subcommittee. David Strong of AHS is excited to connect and those who are on this working group are encouraged to provide him with updates when possible. This could provide exchange agreements with the province. Ultimate goal is to have the best service and not to have duplicate immunizations. Want to safely receive immunizations.

- **Action Item:** Co-Chair Faye North Peigan will add this comment and present to the group.
- **Action Item:** Dr. Yacoub to inform Dr. Sarin that Bonnie Graham will represent Treaty 6 and Gloria Fraser will represent Treaty 8. Faye North-Peigan is Treaty 7 representative

10. HCOM Update

Darcy Jagodzinsky

HCoM met with the Co-Chairs last week and the key areas were the HCoM Evaluation and Development of a Strategic Plan. At the last HCoM Committee meeting in October 2015



there was the development of an HCoM Evaluation Implementation Subcommittee. The group will meet on January 6-7, 2016. The HCoM Website will be receiving an upgrade, for example documents were previously sent directly to HCoM sub committee members will now be through a link where you can drag onto your computer. There will also be a records management system where you can access older documents. Another recently created working group is the Financial Analysis Working Group. This group is exploring areas such as CA's, funding formulas, and developing an analysis paper to look at historical funding impacts based on 2-3% funding cap. HCoM will be looking at a face-to-face 2-day session for the subcommittees for specific training sessions.

Suggestion: Once the topics have been decided on for the training that a second survey to go out to ask specific questions about what participants would like to see in the training.

11. Lunch Break

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

12. Food Security Strategy

Judy Halladay/Shawn Grono

The strategy has been presented to other HCoM Subcommittees to create awareness of the strategy and gather feedback on how to move forward. The Strategy was developed from First Nation community's input. The Prevention sub-committee wants to determine how to move the strategy forward. The Prevention Sub-Committee is looking for are grassroots people from different committees and people with different expertise to support the strategy implementation. The Prevention Subcommittee directed Judy Halladay to connect with Elders of the treaty areas specific to recommendations around wild game. There have been many meetings with Alberta Health and the Hunters Who Care group some discussion include sampling the meat. The strategy was developed, approved, and now the Prevention Sub-Committee is exploring the idea of creating a working group for interested members. This could be an "inter-subcommittee" working group. The working group could tackle other areas too such as home gardens in the communities and bulk food purchasing. Timelines have not been discussed at this time but will be at the upcoming meeting and this would be to hold some face-to-face meetings that could run for a year. Judy was asked to develop a project charter and look at the scope and costs.

Suggestion: To ensure isolated communities are involved in the meetings and that an Environmental Health Officer also support the working group.

13. Other Items

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Elder Role for Health Protection Subcommittee

The Mental Health & Addictions (MHA) Sub-Committee are very keen on having Elder advisory on their subcommittee and the MHA Co-Chairs presented at the Co-Chairs meeting that each subcommittee are to discuss having an Elder to sit as a support for their respective subcommittees meetings.

Discussion: The Health Protection Subcommittee agrees that Doris Courtorielle will sit as Elder Rep for the Health Protection Subcommittee

14. Think Tank on Housing in Alberta

Wadieh Yacoub

The Think Tank on Housing in Alberta was attended by Alberta First Nation Communities, INAC, CMHC, and FNIHB. Dr. Yacoub attended on behalf of FNIHB. The meeting was constructive, positive, and participants were reviewing successful community initiatives in



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the area of housing. Safety codes were discussed, it was noted that CMHC are now doing 5 safety inspections, one First Nation community noted that they have their own safety codes that are more stringent than the Federal and Provincial ones. All 3 Treaty areas in Alberta are at this table and there is an opportunity for collaboration.

Action Item: Think Tank summary, once received, to be forwarded by Dr. Yacoub to the sub-committee for review.

- 15. Date and time of next meeting
- 16. Meeting Adjourned

**February 29, 2016 – Calgary
2:00 p.m.**