



**Health Co-Management Committee
Courtyard Marriott West Edmonton
June 23 - 24, 2016**

Co-Chairs:

Chief Charles Weaselhead, Treaty 7
Jocelyn Andrews, FNIHB

HCoM:

Darcy Jagodzinsky
Beverly Swampy

FNIHB:

Nathalie Lachance, FNIHB
Amy Hillier
Coreen Everington

Treaty 7:

Ann Manyheads, Treaty 7 Management
Bruce Ironshirt

Guests:

Rob Malatest, Malatest
Sheila Harper, Malatest
Sherry Bruno, Treaty 6 – Alexander
Bonnie Healy, AFNIGC

Regrets:

Chief Kurt Buffalo

Committee:

Chief Kurt Burnstick, Treaty 6 (Alexander)
Rhonda Laboucan, FNIHB
Councillor Larron Northwest (Proxy for Chief Buffalo)

Liaisons:

Arleen Thomas, Treaty 6
Nicole Tailfeathers, Treaty 7
Nora Alook, Treaty 8

Treaty 6:

Nadine McRee, Confederacy of Treaty 6
Randy Littlechild, Maskwacis Health Services

Treaty 8:

Dale Tallman

Alberta Health Services:

Valerie Austin-Weibe
Brenda Laboucan
Peter MacKinnon

- 1. Meeting Call to Order** **5:45 p.m.**
- 2. FNIHB Internal Review Update** **Rob Malatest/Sheila Harper**

The FNIHB Internal Review Presentation was presented to the Co-Management Committee. Concerns were brought forward around the use of the term “devolution”.

Action Item: Jocelyn Andrews to circulate report to HCoM Committee and FNIHB request feedback to the report.

- 3. HCoM Evaluation & Implementation Task Force** **HCoM Task Force**
The HCoM Evaluation & Implementation Task Force is exploring the function and roll of the HCoM secretariat. The HCoM Task force had presented 3 hosting options for the HCoM Secretariat for consideration.

Action Item: HCoM Committee require time to review the 3 hosting options presented and will have discussions in-camera at the next meeting.

Action Item: HCoM Evaluation & Implementation Task Force to invite International Chief Willie Littlechild & Leroy Little Bear to support the development of incorporating both the United declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) & the TRC ‘Calls to Action’.

4. HCoM Workplan & Budget

Darcy Jagodzinsky

As follow up from the last HCoM Committee meeting, the HCoM Coordinator was to provide a more detailed budget and workplan to reflect services being provided by the HCoM Secretariat. Jocelyn Andrews informed the Co-Management Committee that the funding for the 16/17 Budget has already been approved and sent to the Contribution Agreement host organization. Details within the budget need to be further clarified and accepted.

5. Meeting adjourned

9:00 p.m.

6. Day 2

June 24, 2016

7. Invocation

Chief Weaselhead

8. Meeting Call to Order

8:57 a.m.

9. Adoption of Agenda

Addition: Alberta Health Services Update

2016-06-24-#01 Moved by Jocelyn Andrews to accept the agenda with changes for June 24, 2016, seconded by Chief Steve Courtorielle.

10. Review of Meeting Summary

February 16 & 17th, 2016

Management Committee for AFN update (Indspire Funding):

At the time of renewals the decisions it was identified that the Indspire organization would be renewed. They are currently in year 2 of the agreement and provide bursaries and scholarships to students nationally.

2016-06-24-#02 Moved by Chief Steve Courtorielle, to accept the minutes for February 16 & 17th, 2016, seconded by Jocelyn Andrews, all in favor, motion carried.

11. FNIHB Regional Update

Jocelyn Andrews

Highlights:

The Prime Minister recently announced that there will be new funding for mental health programming within First Nation communities nationally. This funding is immediate and targeted for remote and isolated communities. There will also be 4 new Crisis Response teams for rapid response services as a short-term solution, which is a priority under the Health Accord. There is a 24 Hour crisis line nationally that has been established, which will offer services in multiple languages and is being operated by Mental Health experts. FNIHB national is working with ITK for alternative service models such as the use of social media. In the near future there will be a new announcement regarding Jordan's Principle. This is a work in progress and an announcement will be forthcoming.

Federal & Provincial Health Accord:

First Nation community engagement is an important component within the upcoming Federal & Provincial Health Accord Agreements. It is agreed that it would be beneficial for a framework to be developed to support engagement dialogues. Homecare and Mental Health are the 2 main priorities within the Health Accord. Baseline data needs to be gathered to address some of the questions and identify possible avenues to move forward.

The Mental Health and Addictions Subcommittee could potentially be mandated identify gaps that exist and support the development of recommendations. It has not been clearly identified who will be engaged on behalf of Alberta. Engagement protocols will be established through AFN processes. HCoM needs to ensure that they communicate how they would like to be engaged as the Alberta region.

The Federal Minister of Health will be visiting First Nation communities in Alberta during July 2016. Below is a brief glimpse at the schedule:

Date	Activity
July 6, 2016	Meetings with the Maskwacis Nations in Afternoon & Treaty 6 Chiefs in the Evening
July 7, 2016	Attending the Treaty 8 AGM
July 8, 2016	Meeting with Blood Tribe in the Morning & Treaty 7 Chiefs in the Afternoon

Action Item: Jocelyn Andrews to provide detailed travel itinerary to the HCoM committee.

12. Operations & Support

Rhonda Laboucan

The Alberta Regional Financial update was provided. After reviewing the document, the Co-Management committee request more information on the reasoning for the increases in the expenditures for the NIHB benefit areas. There were discussions on what the drivers could be for the increases. Are the cost increases due to inflation? Population? Are the service providers charging more? It was agreed that it would be beneficial to focus on one area to identify the costs driver increases and then share the information. This information can be utilized for community planning and support planning within the NIHB Sub-Committee.

Action Item: Mihn Vuong to initiate the analysis and present to the Co-Management Committee.

HCoM Special Project Prioritization

It was suggested that when/if funds were to come available that priorities are determined in order to flow the funds. The document that was distributed identified all of the regional special projects that were submitted within the Operational Plan 2016-2017. The region wants to be prepared if funds become available and release funding as soon as possible to ensure project success.

Action Item: Each Treaty Area to discuss HCoM Special Project Prioritization document and forward prioritized lists to the region.

2016-06-24-#03 Moved by Jocelyn Andrews that should there be additional funds that it be directed to growth seconded by Chief Steve Courtorielle, all in favor, motion carried.

13. Joint Action Health Plan (J.A.H.P.)

Nathalie Lachance/Randy Littlechild

There are 3 overarching goals of the Joint Action Health Plan and specific projects can be brought forward to meet those goals. To date the J.A.H.P. has not received formal support from a few of the First Nation partners in Alberta, this has been problematic as the goal of all health programs is to ensure that there is support and approval of the processes that have been established. Currently, the Operations and Support Subcommittee are supporting the HSIF program, which supports the J.A.H.P. A meeting is scheduled for June 27, 2016 with the Operations & Support Subcommittee where they will discuss next steps and identify recommendations for a proposal process to establish Alberta First Nation projects. The FNIHB National office has granted Alberta to allocate all funds towards integration projects (1.9M). Below are the objectives for the upcoming projects and allocation:

Objective	Area of Focus	% of Regional Allocation
1	Strengthening Relationships	30%
2	Increasing accessibility, coordination and quality health services	50%
3	Increasing First Nations control of health services and programs	20%

2016-06-24-#04 Moved by Chief Courtorielle, to support the Operations & Support motion 2016-06-14-#03 and to consider regional submissions that were forwarded to the Alberta region to be funded by the third objective which provides increased First Nation control of health services and programs, seconded by Proxy Larron Northwest, all in favor, motion carried.

14. Children & Youth Update

Bruce Ironshirt/Coreen Everington

Children & Youth Sub-committee updated presented to HCoM Committee for information.

Discussions

The new announcement on the expansion of the Jordan’s Principle envelope is expected soon and will provide further direction on future developments within Jordan’s Principle. FNIHB will have more of an idea what their role will be when it comes to children with complex needs and the Regional Collaborative Service Delivery partnership. The Children & Youth subcommittee provided recommendation on how to move forward with the parity issues, how to help those on reserve and provide options to consider.

15. AHS Update

Peter MacKinnon

A new board has been put in place to support governance within Alberta Health Services (AHS) and a new CEO has been assigned. A new vision for AHS has also been established, which is Healthy Alberta Means Healthy communities together. This vision was designed to embrace holistic and collaborative approaches. The wildfires in Fort McMurray have kept AHS as a whole very busy. There were many learning moments for AHS during this crisis and as an organization they are currently reviewing weaknesses identified through the process of supporting evacuees. Regarding the Fentanyl Crisis, feedback received to date is that the biggest contribution was making naloxone available

to communities. Valerie Austin-Weibe has now taken on a role with the Strategic Clinical Network and Marty Landry is the acting Director of the Aboriginal Health Program. There is new staffing in the north zone with a new advisor for aboriginal health and diversity.

Discussions

Co-Management acknowledges the hard work that was initiated by Alberta Health and AHS in their response to the wildfires and emergencies. They commend the work that they have achieved supporting First Nations in Alberta that were impacted.

16. Lunch

11:50 – 12:30 p.m.

17. NIHB Update

Tanya Churchill/Randy Littlechild

The NIHB update presented and discussed with the HCoM Committee.

Discussions:

It is agreed that the Victims of Family Violence monies need to be changed from a set agreement type to a flexible agreement type and that the funding projects holders remain status quo.

Action Item: FNIHB Alberta Region to make request to national office to see if the funding type can be changed from a set funding type to flexible funding type.

2016-06-24-#05 Moved by Jocelyn Andrews to approve the NIHB Funding to remain status quo, seconded by Chief Courtorielle, all in favor, motion carried.

18. Valuing Mental Health

Jane Yi

The Valuing Mental Health Report and the Valuing Mental Health Implementation structure was presented to the HCoM Committee. Moving forward one of the biggest recommendations was to develop an opioid action plan. Alberta Health and partners have reviewed the Spirit of Healing. It was agreed that the report was very useful to support the development of an opioid action plan. The main question is how does Co-Management see their involvement within the Valuing Mental Health Implementation Structure and how can Alberta Health support the Spirit of Healing Initiative?

Discussions

It is agreed that it must be identified how the Government of Alberta will be implementing UNDRIP and TRC “Calls to Action” before moving forward. The Co-Management Committee believes that it is important that there is adequate First Nation representation on the Valuing Mental Health Implementation Structure. Recommendations were brought forward.

Action Items: Invitation to be forwarded to Chief Weaselhead to joint the Executive Steering Committee on the Valuing Mental Health Implementation Structure

Action Item: Mental Health & Addiction Co-Chairs to be invited to participate in the Advisory Committee for the Valuing Mental Health Implementation Structure

Action Item: Alberta Health to investigate how the Government of Alberta will be implementing the UNDRIP & TRC “Calls to Action” and report back once information has been identified.

19. Mental Health and Addictions Update

Coreen Everington

There was an announcement for funding for new mental wellness teams nationally. The Mental Health & Addiction Sub-committee has met and they have brought forward recommendations on implementing a phased approach. Next steps for the mental wellness teams is to seek partnerships with the Government of Alberta to see if there are opportunities to augment resources and further support First Nation communities in Alberta.

2016-06-24-#06 Moved by Councillor Larron Northwest to support in principle the MHA Subcommittee recommendation to support First Nation's communities' response to Mental Health crisis, the HCoM committee supports the 3 phased approach be used to increase the numbers of crisis response/community-level Mental Wellness Service Teams in the region as outlined by the Mental Health and Addictions Subcommittee, seconded by Chief Courtorielle, all in favor, motion carried.

20. Closing Comments:

Chief Courtorielle informs of the walk to Fort McMurray with Stanley Barkman

21. Date and Time of Next meeting

HCoM Coordinator to send out next meeting dates via email

22. Meeting adjourned

2:30 p.m.