



**Children & Youth Subcommittee Meeting
March 25, 2021, via Zoom**

Co-chairs:

Bruce Iron Shirt, FN Co-chair, Treaty 7
Nathalie Lachance, FNIHB Co-chair (Acting)

HCoM:

Debra Loyie, Interim Coordinator (recorder)

Members:

Anne Bird, Treaty 6 YTC
Paulette Campiou, Treaty 8

Kavita Prasad, Treaty 7 (alternate)

Liaisons:

Tisha Bromley-Wadsworth, T7/BFC

Presenters:

Megan Stock, KTC
Bonnie Healy, Treaty 7
Wendy Burr, FNIHB

Emily Vespi, KTC
Chyloe Healy, Treaty 7

Regrets:

Colleen McDonald, Treaty 6, ECN
Wanda St. Arnault, Treaty 8

Deanna Daychief, Treaty 6, YTC

1. Call to Order/ Opening Prayer

1:07pm/Bruce Iron Shirt

2. Introductions

Everybody

3. Review to adopt Records of Decisions/Minutes

Co-chairs

- C&Y Action Items for FY2019/2020 and FY2020/2021 reviewed marked completed
- FNIHB will have future budget amounts April 19, 2021
- Informed Subcommittee members any decision regarding IELCC are made at the Senior Tech Table HCoM not the decision maker outside the structure of Health Co-Management

Sub-committee Key Points – Action – Decision:

2021-03-25: #1Motion the Children & Youth Sub-committee accepted and adopted the February 18, 2021, meeting minutes as presented. Moved by Bruce Iron Shirt, Treaty 7. Seconded by Paulette Campiou. Treaty 8. All in favour; motion carried

4. Teddy Bear Fair Update

Emily Vespi, Megan Stock

- action item Teddy Bear Fair 10-year Report circulated with meeting invite
- last TBF held October 2019, to this point had 168 TBF screened over 10,000 children and parent involvement has increased FNHC big supporter TBFs Jordan's Principle excellent follow-up
- typically schedule 21 TBFs take place April/May but cancelled due to COVID worked on template project tool for communities to share with service providers, is working document can be updated by Nation
- January received approval a way to deliver modified TBF, discussed utilizing people in community via virtual educational classes that meet public health guidelines
- 10 communities expressed interest for TBF, have connected with three treaty areas, looking at TBF week of June 15 in Woodland, Lubicon, Peerless
- FY 2020/21 \$119,000 carry forward to continue work of TBF; looking for remaining funding to run 21 TBF hybrid style

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- reach out to CDC Team to look at what can be done to ensure all safety guidelines are in accordance

5. IHelti Presentation

Bonnie Healy and Chyloe Healy

- provided the sub-committee a presentation global study overview partnered with FNISM Manitoba birth helper research project, retain traditional knowledge, want to develop Blackfoot birth helpers within community for advocacy celebrate life ancestral knowledge need to reclaim; define Blackfoot indicators how can be turned into measurable indicators don't want to be applied to standard indicators; want to reclaim contextual story defined Blackfoot language, were able to meet with Leroy Littlebear self-actualizing cultural land base teachings instilled were on Blackfoot road before colonization; then moment of interruption off Blackfoot path, need to look how far off from path Blackfoot people are; talked about Blackfoot values connected, want to meet with Blackfoot knowledge keepers; goal is to train 20 birth helpers (doula)
- there is another I-health project with AFNIGC and Maskwacis partnered incl. another Alberta group

6. 2021/2022 Funding Decisions

Nathalie Lachance, Wendy Burr, FNIHB-AB

Healthy Child Development Funding Allocations deck circulated with meeting invite

- ECD discretionary funding has been used by the Children & Youth Subcommittee to support emerging priorities as well as the continued priority to support needs in early childhood programs
- In 2020-21, the HCoM decision on the allocation of funding given COVID-19 considerations included: funding for vehicles for new MCH programs established under Budget 2017, funding to Treaty Areas to support training, and funding to meet Nations' priorities as needed allocated by using the Modified Berger Formula.
- Total funding for decision making for 2021-22 FY is \$2,068,159
- After the first Subcommittee meeting on February 18th, more information was gathered to aid further discussions and decision making for the priority funding allocations for 2021-22 FY
- What heard from Subcommittee: the COVID-19 pandemic still ongoing; a lot of discussion sovereignty of Nations; importance of connecting with each other; MCH evaluation is not a priority at this time; incorporating culture into programs; collectively raising children together
- What we found out:
 - there is an upcoming national evaluation of Healthy Child Development programs, the evaluation will cover Healthy Child Development (HCD) cluster programs and policy areas with a goal to highlight the interconnectivity amongst HCD programs/policy areas, anticipated timeline is March to December 2021, if timing not good inform FNIHB, other Regions have indicated timing not good highlighting programming different during COVID
 - Due to the pandemic response and redistribution of resources FNIHB-AB has not updated the regional vehicle tracker, and therefore does not have the most up to date information to support vehicle transition planning, need to do more work to understand what are the needs?
 - Activities for the funds allocated to Horizontal Training and Administration in 2020- 21 FY varied by Treaty Area, ranging from maintaining regular meetings with some spending to having a large carry forward due to little activity everything virtual use of electronic tools
- Where we are current considerations:
 - FNIHB-AB will require some time to transition from evergreening vehicles to providing Communities allocations put towards replacing vehicles as they are needed
 - Three Early Childhood Development projects had funding in 2020-21. What do we propose for 2021/22? Horizontal Training and Administration; Connecting Common Threads have carry forward from 2019-20, Chantale found opportunity end of Spring, the call for Working Group Members has not revealed any results, SC may have to weight in and provide input that is needed; Teddy Bear Fairs, heard presentation approach for FY 2021/22, have large carry forward requesting small amount, looking at hybrid model for FY2021/22



taking into account Public Health Guidance requirements, how deal with priorities considering COVID response, can forecast a lot of work for FNs staff for next 3 to 6 months

- Communities are still heavily involved in pandemic response and vaccine rollouts. Should funding priorities be directed to Nations?
- Distribution to Nations provides the flexibility to focus on the priorities within their communities during the pandemic
- Address Home Visitation program equity, and top up Communities that are currently receiving less than \$100,000
- Maintaining vehicle funding allocations for AHSOR and MCH to allow for proper tracking of vehicles, work can be done closer to fall
- The Connecting Common Threads is a networking opportunity for Nations' staff working in health promotion and healthy child development programs
- Two Nations in province do not receive AHSOR base funding and Eight Nations need additional funding due to new facilities (larger class sizes/higher expenses) to support their Early Childhood Development program. \$980,000 is requested to meet this gap in service delivery, this has been discussed in MOP past three years, does Sub-committee want to look at funds to address inequity? do not have AHSOR in Fort Chipewyan area
- any other considerations the Subcommittee would like to identify for funding allocations
- Total funding for decision making:
 1. AHSOR Funding \$1,361,444,
 2. Teddy Bear Fairs \$147,510:
 3. Early Childhood Development Project (Connecting Common Threads) \$185,990
 4. Home Visitation Budget 2017 \$373,215

Discussion:

- Teddy Bear Fairs carry forward \$119,000 into next fiscal year, what are the plans for the remaining funds? *Community children heavily impacted by COVID-19 communities, data record of loss loved ones, plus opioid crisis children exposed to trauma is real issue, food insecurities challenges past year due to daycares closed, should support community families (parents/children) e.g., safe way to celebrate children through ceremony,*
- *modified TBF need more details how it will be delivered plus costs*

Action Item 6.1: FNIHB will request for more info on how Teddy Bear Fairs will be offered

Action Item 6.2: Horizontal Training and Admin FNIHB to provide financial information for Subcommittee to make decisions

7. Next Steps

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- Next Children & Youth Sub-committee meeting Wednesday, April 28, 2021, from 1pm to 3pm

8. Adjourn

3:05pm
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