



**Mental Health & Addictions Subcommittee Ad hoc Meeting  
June 22, 2021 Via Zoom**

**Members:**

Shannon Doubleday, FNIHB Co-chair  
Colleen McDonald, Treaty 6 (ECN)  
Terri-Lynn Fox, Treaty 7 (BFC)

Andy Alook, FN Co-chair, Treaty 8  
Anne Bird, Treaty 6 (YTC)  
Dr. Chris Sarin, FNIHB

**Liaisons:**

Tisha Bromley-Wadsworth, (BFC)  
Patricia Louie, FNIHB  
Shailley Peacock, Treaty 6 (ECN)

**HCoM Secretariat:**

Debra Loyie, Assistant

**Observers:**

Bonnie Healy, Treaty 7 (BFC)

**Regrets:**

Caroline Adam-Courtoreille, Treaty 8  
Erin Solway, HCoM Secretariat

**1. Call to order/Opening Prayer**

**9:11am/Colleen McDonald**

**2. Adopt draft agenda**

**Co-chairs**

- Add: MH&A Subcommittee Strategic Planning i.e., treatment center communication gap

*2021-06-22: #1 Motion the Mental Health & Addictions Subcommittee approved and accepted the June 22, 2021 agenda with addition. Moved by Colleen McDonald, Treaty 6. Seconded by Terri-Lynn Fox, Treaty 7 (BFC). Question called; all in favor; CARRIED*

**3. Thunderbird Partnership Board of Directors**

**Shannon Doubleday/FNIHB**

*Follow-up from June 14, 2021 Subcommittee Meeting*

- Subcommittee to determine/nominate Subcommittee Representative to sit on Thunderbird Partnership Board of Directors for two-years, BoD meet quarterly
- Received confirmation from Carol Hopkins that a rep, does not have to be treatment centre director in order to sit on Board of Directors

*Subcommittee roundtable discussion:*

- *Terri-Lynn Fox expressed interest to sit on Board of Directors, will support.*
- Co-chair informed Subcommittee Caroline Adam-Courtoreille expressed interest to sit on Board of Directors during the June 14, 2021 Subcommittee meeting
- Consider rotating seat or split, example 1 Rep as Lead and 1 Rep as alternate; workload management ensuring continuity that Alberta would always have a voice at the table

**Action Item 3.1:** FNIHB Co-chair will speak with Caroline Adam-Courtoreille regarding Thunderbird Partnership BoD Alberta Rep alternate consideration and will circulate feedback by email for vote by e-motion

**4. Indian Residential School (IRS)**

**Co-chairs**

- HCoM Committee Motion directed Rhonda Laboucan, Regional Executive Officer-FNIHB, requested MH&A Subcommittee to develop a budget to bring forward to National
- FNIHB has been advocating to National the urgent need for additional funding to support cultural and health supports. Budget for review and Subcommittee feedback



Subcommittee roundtable discussion:

- align with TRC #18 all inclusive for all Indigenous People
- The mobile support services really benefited the community members that are living off reserve. It provided them access to healthcare. Communities need to keep providing services even after the pandemic, whether or not the COVID support funding sunsets
- How long are they able to commit to the funding for our own planning
- Include genealogy piece
- Q NIHB has a portion of mental health funding pot, are they also going to be provided with an increase to support communities?
- Could the Subcommittee request for shorter commitment? There may be an issue of committing to a three-year funding agreement, there may be a higher need next year

*2021-06-22: #2 Motion the Mental Health & Addictions Subcommittee are in alignment with the Truth and Reconciliation Calls to Action #18, “We call upon the federal, provincial, territorial, and Aboriginal governments to acknowledge that the current state of Aboriginal Health in Canada is a direct result of previous Canadian government policies, including residential schools, and to recognize and implement the health-care rights of Aboriginal people as identified in international law, constitutional law, and under the Treaties”.*

*The MHA Subcommittee motioned that; to address the mental health and substance use crises, symptomatic of the historical traumas caused by Indian Residential Schools, the Health Co-Management Committee pursue the following urgent funding request, as an ongoing funding commitment and to be reviewed annually. Moved by Andy Alook, Treaty 8. Seconded by Terri-Lynn Fox, Treaty 7. Question called; all in favor; CARRIED*

**Break**

**10:30am – 10:45am**

**5. Audit & Evaluation Working Group RFP**

**Co-chairs**

- Standing item: Audit and Evaluation Working Group RFP received 1 submission;

Subcommittee roundtable discussion:

- Suggestion to send another call-out for A&E RFP
- Move forward on an environmental scan, put on hold; after one year review; disconnect with Treatment centre prominent and want to move forward
- Subcommittee shared concerns and the need to move forward in a timely manner; community members need these supports. Majority in support of accepting the single applicant submission for A&E Regional Addictions Services RFP.

*2021-06-22: #3 Motion The MHA Subcommittee moved to support the Audit & Evaluation Regional Addictions Services Continuum RFP as submitted by Darcy Jagodzinsky, Colleen Mustus, and Sangeeta Sicking. Moved by Terri-Lynn Fox, Treaty 7. Seconded by Colleen McDonald, Treaty 6, YTC. Question called ; (1) opposed (Andy Alook); Motion carried.*

**6. Opioid Task Force – Committee Champions**

**Co-chairs**



- Dr. Sarin provided the report data, released June 22, 2021. Mentioned the urgent situation visible on AFN website; need more public health doctors, need more work in area has worsened; Inquired with Subcommittee on determining the need to develop a Task Force. Report indicated southern AB was most impacted, media coverage indicated situation worsening in southern AB.
- FNIHB Co-chair indicated Subcommittee strategy for developing a unified voice; plan for HCoM

Subcommittee/Observers roundtable discussion:

- Terri-Lynn indicated interest to be included in the Task Force
- Anne Bird indicated interest to be included in the Task Force
- Bonnie Healy highly recommended individuals from Blood Tribe be included on Task Force; reflected on Report and data mentioned. Data released: FN communities are able to review data from pandemic and impacts on communities; asked that the Task Force representatives be experienced in reading data to understand gaps and silos; concerned funding for FNs experiencing epidemic, over prescribing occurred without diagnose of a root cause of pain; other issue when prescribers don't follow treatment pathways; look at amount of Emergency department (ED) visits; amount of accidental overdoses in ED, volume of patients requiring support, creation of site Team in ED, look at volume to ensure members are missed; look at Alberta's class action lawsuit haven't heard any update.
- Dr. Sarin indicated could have smaller group to agree on principles for Task Force (indigenous model) that promise sustainability-inquired if planning could initiate immediately
- Tisha Bromley-Wadsworth submitted Chyloe Healy name to be included Opioid Task Force

**Action Item 5.1:** FNIHB Co-chair will organize and send meeting invite for first initial Opioid Task Force meeting within 2 weeks and will invite NIHB Co-chairs

**7. Next Steps/Next meeting dates**

**Cochairs**

**Standing Item:** Strategic Planning tabled to next MH&A Subcommittee Meeting

**Adjournment**

**11:39 AM**