



**Prevention Programs Subcommittee Meeting
November 18, 2021, via Zoom and
SBCC#3 DoubleTree by Hilton**

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| Members: Calvin Badger, Treaty 8, FN Co-chair Colleen McDonald, Treaty 6(ECN) Aaron Khan, Treaty 7 (G4/SNTTC) | Nathalie Lachance, FNIHB Co-chair Crystal Beaverbones, Treaty 6 (YTC) |
| Liaisons: Laurie Belcourt Anne Bird, Treaty 6, (YTC) | HCoM: Erin Solway, Secretariat Debra Loyie via zoom |
| Presenters: Laura White, FNIHB Lauren Bilinsky, FNIHB | Nicole Liboiron, FNIHB Wendy Burr, FNIHB |
| Observers: Tina Aspassin, CT6FN Brent Henry, FNIHB Deborah Hardy, Treaty 6 (ECN) Dr. Parminder Thiara, FNIHB Bonnie Healy, Treaty 7 (BFC) Tisha Bromley-Wadsworth, Treaty 7 (BFC) | Regrets: Edna Boucher, Treaty 8 |

- 1. Call to order/Opening Prayer** **9:12am/Calvin Badger**
 - With a quorum present the First Nation Co-chair Calvin Badger called the meeting to order at 9:12am and provided the opening prayer
 - Brent Henry announced will be the appointed FNIHB Co-chair rep to Prevention Programs Subcommittee; will be in/out of the zoom meeting
- 2. Introductions** **Subcommittee**
- 3. Review November 18, 2021, Agenda** **Co-chairs**
 - Defer Tobacco Gathering Update by Bigstone Health Commission

Bring Forward Agenda Item: Tobacco Gathering update by Bigstone Health Commission for next Subcommittee meeting

2021-11-18: #1 Motion the Prevention Program Subcommittee accepted the November 18, 2021, agenda with noted changes. Motion carried

- 4. Review minutes** **Co-chairs**
September 23, 2020 draft minutes
 - Correction noted Identify Treaty 7 Members by respective Tribal Council

2021-11-18: #2 Motion that the Prevention Programs Subcommittee moves to approve and accept the September 23, 2020, minutes with noted change. Moved by Calvin Badger, Treaty 8. Seconded by Colleen McDonald, Treaty 6 (ECN). Question called; All in favour; motion carried.

- October 13, 2020, draft minutes
- Correction noted its Colleen McDonald, Treaty 6
 - Correction noted identify Treaty 7 Members by respective Tribal Council



2021-11-18: #3 Motion the Prevention Programs Subcommittee moves to approve and accept the October 13, 2020, minutes with noted changes. Moved by Calvin Badger, Treaty 8. Seconded by Aaron Khan, Treaty 7 (SNTTC). Question called; All in favour; motion carried.

May 25, 2021, draft minutes

- Correction noted identify Treaty 7 Members by respective Tribal Council

2021-11-18: #4 Motion the Prevention Programs Subcommittee moves to approve and accept the May 25, 2021, minutes with noted change. Moved by Calvin Badger, Treaty 8. Seconded by Aaron Khan, Treaty 7 (SNTTC) Question called; All in favour; motion carried.

August 12, 2021, draft minutes

- Correction noted: identify Treaty 7 Members by respective Tribal Council

2021-11-18: #5 The Prevention Programs Subcommittee moves to approve and accept the August 12, 2021, minutes with noted change. Moved by Nathalie Lachance, FNIHB. Seconded by Calvin Badger, Treaty 8. Question called; All in favour; motion carried.

October 12, 2021, draft minutes

- Aaron Khan requested clarification on RITE funding who receives

Action Item: HCoM Admin Assistant will pull audio and provide clarification for next meeting

Bring Forward Agenda Item: October 12, 2021, draft minutes for review next Subcommittee

5. First Nations in Alberta: Food Security

FNIHB

Food Insecurity deck circulated via email to Subcommittee November 18, 2021

- Laura White Regional Nutritionist for FNIHB-AB provided the Subcommittee
 - *there is an opportunity for the Subcommittee to request funds for initiatives to address barriers to food security in long term sustainable ways under the 2022/23 FNIHB-AB Management Operational Plan (MOP). This aligns with the Alberta First Nations Food Security Strategy and Elders' Food Security Declaration and increases awareness of unmet food security needs at National Office*
 - *The rationale for the ask is clear. Food insecurity for First Nation households on reserve in Alberta is 6x higher than the Albertan average*
 - *1 in 2 households were reporting food insecurity prior to the COVID-19 pandemic*
 - *Not all MOP requests are funded*
 - *FNIHB-AB's Nutrition Advisory Team recommends that the Subcommittee consider requesting \$500,000 to address barriers to food security under the 2022/23 MOP*
- draft motion proposed for consideration by the Subcommittee:
 - *The Prevention Programs Subcommittee moves to include a request for \$500,000 dollars in the 2022/23 FNIHB-AB Operational Plan to address barriers to food security for First Nations in Alberta."*

Question/comments:

- Aaron Khan raised two questions 1. ISCF funding, why proposal based during COVID, issue with short timeframe. 2. \$500K not enough
- *Response first question: provided feedback on proposal based now open call for all Nations ongoing can submit proposals, ICL Team avail to work with requests*
Response second question: knows 500K won't address all needs, there's currently no funding pot in ICS for food security, smaller number might get traction from headquarters, if pull multimillion dollar ask will probably be told no, but smaller ask more feasible with links to food security, this is just start, hope ongoing future discussions with Subcommittee on funding identified for food security
- Bonnie Healy inquired what data was used to show impacts thru COVID pandemic on FN communities, shared Blackfoot Confederacy conducted survey and found top challenges FNs had accessing food; there are number



of pieces of legislation that affect FNs to access food i.e., hunting; haven't address those issues; if going to look at number need hard evidence need to be stronger when making requests

Response number came out of plan...funding to help data collection for future ask hard evidence when HQs looks at request; asked if ability to share work with ICL Team

- Colleen McDonald thanked Bonnie for her comment "food security is so important" touched on food shortage in BC, food security goes beyond grocery store ECN have education piece for young hunters, shared number not enough for all indigenous nations in AB but if looked at through indigenous lens gather data for much larger ask, should be sooner than later, suggests if Blackfoot Confederacy willing to share data for FNs to use and lift up BCTC as champion for data collection, could be used across Canada. Shared ECN have to travel and have needs when hunting can't life off land consideration moving forward what funding could be used for.
- First Nation Co-chair suggest Prevention Program Subcommittee spend one whole day to discuss food security issues across Alberta, food security major concern, start discussion for next funding asks, shared food security scary issue for all Nations (emergency food) have to do a lot more in regard to food security, maybe answers are greenhouses; this discussion has been ongoing for long time with Subcommittee
- Crystal Beaverbones requested clarification on what 500K funding be used for
- Laura White response to points: food sovereignty vision is the focus and end vision of conversation and work; yes food is getting more expensive and not seeing same rise in social assistance rates for fixed income people; Response for Crystal on what money could be used for will have conversation later date, question around food sovereignty suggest invite the Nations with unique projects for presentations to Subcommittee i.e. FN projects as per the Elders Food Sovereignty Declaration; 500K is open to Subcommittee discretion; curious how much Blackfoot Confederacy data costed; COVID-19 paused discussion around food security, will continue food security discussion amongst Subcommittee
- Bonnie Healy shared expertise inhouse Health Quality Council, data collection was virtual and online very minimal (Laura White will connect with Bonnie offline)
- Material shared Alberta First Nations Security Strategy 2015 with HCoM Secretariat for circulation
- Aaron Khan requested the Motion be reworded to allow First Nations to understand the needs of food security through data collection or focus group meetings, etc., (Nathalie suggests innovative approaches). Aaron Khan suggests challenges tied to COVID situation, understand the needs of food security for FNs in Alberta post-pandemic
- Nathalie suggests beginning address the needs i.e., innovative approach

2021-11-18: #6 Motion the Prevention Programs Subcommittee moves to include a request for \$500,000 dollars in the 2022/23 FNIHB-AB Operational Plan to start work on understanding and beginning to address the needs of Food Security for First Nations in Alberta post-pandemic. Moved by Aaron Khan, Treaty 7 (SNTTC). Seconded by Calvin Badger, Treaty 8. Question called; All in favour; motion carried.

Action Item: invite Laura White to next meeting to provide more information on Food Security

Bring Forward Agenda Item: First Nations in Alberta: Food Security next Subcommittee meeting

6. Home & Community Care Program: Policy and Resource Development Discussion

Nicole Liboiron

Deck circulated via email to Subcommittee November 18, 2021

- Talk about discretionary funding Homecare Policy and Resource development have been using outdated policy manual outdated, outdated guidelines latest access is 2009
- Current state received multiply request for new policies working closely with AHS to gain access but change in gov't no longer willingness to share fell down prior to pandemic, no longer option approach HQs ...back in 2014 previous coordinator asked for similar activity inherited half policy guideline but recognized ..for homecare programs to grow



- Now have policy in print...just don't have support resources go guide practices. Need identified new policies that reflect the strength and ambition of the HCC Programs in First Nations communities; Wound care guidelines to support policies
- Assets and Opportunities \$170,000.00 available in HCCP discretionary funding for FY 2021-22, current CA holder who has the mandate to support HCC education and resource development
- Would the Prevention Programs Subcommittee support utilizing discretionary funding (FY 21/22) to develop a new suite of HCC Policies and wound care guidelines?

Questions/comments:

- Calvin badger asked if following guidelines now

Response (inaudible)

- Calvin inquired if funding is federal dollars (Yes) Recommended First Nations do create own policy and guidelines for First Nation Nurses

Response Nicole agreed FN health care more holistic, need to look at a holistic policy realm/suite that would be good for all

2021-11-18: #8 Motion the Prevention Programs Subcommittee supports utilizing funding (FY 2021.22) to develop a new suite of HCC Policies; and wound care guidelines through Kee Tas Kee Now Tribal Council. Moved by Aaron Khan, Treaty 7 (SNTTC). Seconded by Calvin Badger, Treaty 8. Question called; All in favour; Motion carried.

7. Funding Allocations

Nathalie Lachance, FNIHB

**Prevention Programs Funding Allocation 2022/23 deck circulated Nov 18/21 via email to Subcommittee*

- Purpose of deck to begin discussion funding allocations for next fiscal year
- Because Bigstone Health Commission unable to provide report on CTS gathering recommend postpone discussion on CTS but suggest Subcommittee hear from 4 projects on tobacco, pieces like to have for next Subcommittee meeting but not looking for decision on anything; any discussion later on send invite to FNIHB Team for follow-up that's needed
- reported to the Subcommittee the slide on Aboriginal Diabetes Initiative (ADI); looking at what are next steps for 2022/23 ADI funding decisions, no decision is required at today's meeting only planting seed, looking for discussion what needs would be appropriate
- Wendy Burr added ADI gatherings are scheduled and maybe source of info to help with direction; any other info request at future meeting to help guide discussion
- Nathalie suggests looking at ADI gathering evidence/info for next Subcommittee meeting to allow modifications for next year

Question/comments

no discussion from room or virtual room

Bring Forward Agenda Item: ADI Funding for discussion next Subcommittee Meeting

8. Next Meeting/Adjourn

- Next Prevention Program Subcommittee Meeting February 15, 2022, all day, location Edmonton
- Closing prayer by Colleen McDonald
- Meeting adjourned at 11:04a.m.