



**Regular Operations & Support Subcommittee Meeting  
May 5, 2021, via Zoom**

**Members:**

Brent Henry, FNIHB Co-chair  
Colleen McDonald, Treaty 6 (ECN)  
Nathalie Lachance, FNIHB  
Selena Willier-Schmidt, Treaty 8

Tyler White, Treaty 7 First Nation Co-chair  
Margo Dodinghorse, Treaty 7 SNTT  
Patsy Campbell, Treaty 8

**Liaisons/Technicians:**

Anne Bird, YTC Treaty 6  
Kavita Prasad, Treaty 7 (SNTT)  
Tisha Bromley-Wadsworth, Treaty 7 (BFC)

**HCoM Secretariat:**

Debra Loyie, Assistant

**Presenters:**

Sibi Abraham, and Barbara Guy, FNIHB, Nada Fodol CSA for Item 3  
Tony Festeryga of FNIHB for Item 4

**Observers:**

Bonnie Healy, Treaty 7 (BFC)  
Katie Kowalski

**Regrets:**

Tracy Potts, Treaty 7 (YTC)  
Erin Solway, HCoM Coordinator

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

**Co-chairs**

- With a quorum present the FNIHB Co-chair Brent Henry called the meeting to order at 1:08pm
- Selena Willier-Schmidt provided the opening prayer

**2. Review and adopt draft minutes and draft agenda**

**Co-chairs**

Operations & Support Subcommittee March 9, 2021, draft minutes

**Action Item:** Subcommittee will review and forward edits to Secretariat and Co-chairs by Friday, May 7, 2021

- Request from new Subcommittee for Terms of References and list of programs Subcommittee oversees i.e., management operational plan
- Subcommittee also receives number of initiatives from HCoM Committee, recommends all info requested be forwarded

**Action Item:** circulate to Subcommittee copy of Terms of References, Management Operational Plan (MOP), HCoM Orientation package

May 5, 2021, draft agenda

*2021-05-05#1Motion The Operations & Support Subcommittee moves to adopt the May 5, 2021, draft agenda as presented. Moved by Selena Willier-Schmidt, Treaty 8. Seconded by Anne Bird, Treaty 6. All in favour; motion carried.*

**3. Remote and Deep Space Health Care**

**Sibi Abraham, Nada Fodol, Barbara Guy**

*Documentation circulated with meeting invite*

- Barbara Guy provided the background of Remote and Deep Space Health Care project looking at the potential benefits to remote and isolated communities in particular indigenous communities of a partnership/collaboration that would increase the investment in health technologies in virtual care, Liaison to support CSA start relationship with FNIHB and different indigenous organizations that have a remote health mandate; announced that her involvement will end in June and e-health headquarters will be point of liaison going forward



- Nada Fodol launched the presentation *Remote and Deep Space initiative*, is looking for way to design solutions together seeking partners

Subcommittee Feedback:

- Treaty 8 (Patsy and Selena) comment(s): poor connectivity issue, access to healthcare and healthcare professionals a challenge for remote communities; EMR issue don't have shared electronic medical record creates problems across networks; challenges with pregnancy and deliveries in providing right supports in timely manner
- Bonnie suggested to review data how people coped connecting with health teams virtually during pandemic, example preliminary data; suggest review studies Autoimmune disorder and cancer survivor data
- Margo, SNTT comment: poor connectivity issue; dialysis pros vs cons bring members into city opposed to dialysis at nation level, offers to connect with Nada to discuss HSIF projects find commonalities
- Sibi Abraham comment: shared an evaluation portion coming out led by AHS still working on details for virtual care clinic, shared involved in remote monitoring small project challenge connectivity outside of the health centre. Offered to see where collaborate on projects could occur.
- Nada inquired if any initiative ongoing or in development where AHS or other organizations trying to focus innovative technologies to address healthcare challenges faced in communities not focused on connectivity or social deterrents to health but if need access to equipment example pregnancy what communities require for woman to have babies in community without leaving, any initiatives aware off?
- Margo shared contact info, willing to share two HSIF projects find connections
- 2:15pm Co-chair noted Treaty 6 rep Colleen McDonald departed zoom meeting

**4. Health Services Integration Fund (HSIF)**

**FNIHB-ISC**

- Joanne Dickinson-Spreit presented the deck *Health Transformation; shared recent budget announcement B2021 \$107.1 Million announced over 3 years committed to renew the sunsetting B2018 funding; look at the success of HSIF projects open to have conversation with partners the takeover of delivery of health services*

Subcommittee comments:

- Margo comment: if opportunity for existing HSIF projects could apply to continue project work after implementation
- Co-chair noted Alberta not on list
- Tyler comment: important to have all other authorities participate Subcommittee responsible for Capital where is Capital on the list, where's Dept of Justice; how will the existing gap be covered, where does the province stand
- Nathalie comment: What would be an acceptable sub-provincial initiative?  
A: negotiating MOUs or AIPs, example NAN in southern Ontario, and MKO
- Patsy inquired what is ISC relationship with Alberta right now? concurs with Treaty 7 comments  
A: no relationship with province, Health Canada holds relationship with provincial ministries
- Tyler comment: outstanding issue remain. Example: boil water advisory
- Nathalie Lachance summarized HSIF Briefing Note (document circulated with meeting invite) flagged received one time funding last year for three projects are not receiving these funds this year, seeking Subcommittee feedback - *Considerations for Decision Making*
  1. Setting call-out timeframes: The Region can issue a single or multi-year call-out in 2021-2022. Previously, the Subcommittee has expressed a preference for multi-year call-outs to better support transformative projects, offer more sustainability, and reduce the administrative burden for First Nations. Multi-year call-outs under HSIF can be for up to three years in duration.
  2. Establishing a review process: Independent adjudication committees reviewed the letters of intent forwarded under the 2018 and 2020 HSIF call-outs and provided funding recommendations to the Subcommittee.



3. Funding of regional health transformation projects: While the Region continues to advocate for MOP approval of the funding request for the three Alberta based projects that were awarded pressures funding, this has not yet been approved, and the three existing projects do not have a source of funding for 2021-2022.

Subcommittee comments/questions:

- Treaty 8 (Selena & Patsy) comment: suggest multi-year funding minimum of 3 years, suggest decision up to Nation
- Treaty 7 (Margo) comment: multiyear best approach minimum 3 year allow time for planning and engaging and pilot phase
- Treaty 7 (Tyler) comment: agrees with multiyear opening for communities to apply; suggest review of HSIF projects need to establish review by Working Group or Group (outside conflict of interest) what is status of existing proposals have they met their objectives, what is status of projects supported right now are they meeting objectives, do they require more resources or support when evaluating programs within  
A: FNIHB knows have significant carry forward flexibility overall decent progress, can offer for next meeting Tim provide Subcommittee overview

**Action Item:** schedule a Special Subcommittee Committee meeting, have FNIHB update current HSIF projects Subcommittee to act as Working Group

- 3:09pm Anne Bird Treaty 6 YTC Liaison departed the zoom meeting

**5. COVID Update**

**Tony Festeryga, FNIHB**

- Tony Festeryga provided a summary of COVID-19 Surge Space
- Brent Henry reported Alberta did well in capability to respond great demonstration by Capital to engage in delivery all Nations frontline staff and Leadership acknowledged for their due diligence in dire situations

Subcommittee comments/questions:

- have any regional comparisons to other regions in terms of Capital; looking forward how is Capital planning for pandemic after pandemic? have longstanding issues mental health, violence, human trafficking longstanding all amplified with pandemic need to think how to prepare for. A: have synergy database information will forward to Brent Henry to circulate to Subcommittee; regarding planning forward obtained lessons learned able to respond quickly will continue to work on what worked, example isolation lessons learned

**6. Funding Formula Working Group**

**Nathalie Lachance, FNIHB**

- Nathalie recapped May 3, 2021, discussion, and next steps

**7. AFNIGC Funding**

**Co-chairs**

- In-camera discussion conflict of interest, self-disclosure acknowledged; motion will be circulated e-vote

*2021-05-05: #2 Motion That the Operations & Support Subcommittee recommends funding AFNIGC until end of fiscal year where transitions plans have been developed in partnership with Treaty area organizations that are mutually agreeable, and that all Nation information collected to be returned unless otherwise specified. Moved by Patsy Campbell, Treaty 8. Seconded by (e-vote).*

**8. Next Steps/Adjourn**

**Cochairs**

- Next subcommittee meeting date to be announced (late May/early June)
- Moved by Selena Willier-Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 4:17pm