



Gathering Wisdom III *for a Shared Journey 2009*

IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE IN BC
A Dialogue on the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan

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Welcome to the 3rd annual Gathering Wisdom for a Shared Journey Forum

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We are so glad you could join us. A year has passed and significant change has taken place since the 2008 Forum. The agenda of this forum reflects just how far we have come, and how much the conversation has evolved since the last time that we met in 2008.

This year's forum takes place over three days. The discussions on Day 1 are focussed on Health Governance. Since last year, the Health Council has carried out a series of regional conversations to inform the development of a new First Nations Health Governance Body. These discussions have resulted in the creation of Regional Governance Caucuses in each of the five health regions, with appointed regional representatives who sit at a common table. This exciting undertaking requires a lot more dialogue with First Nations leadership. Over the course of Day 1 you will hear from international experts in Indigenous Health Governance, and have the opportunity to participate in regional discussions which will help to shape a future First Nations Health Governing Body.

Health Actions are the focus of Day 2 of the forum. The 29 action items captured in the Transformative Change Accord, First Nations Health Plan, and verified by the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan require tremendous cooperation between government and First Nations. Health system transformation to better meet the needs of BC First Nations is the goal. Day 2 provides First Nations the opportunity to hear from First Nations Inuit Health, BC Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, First Nations Health Council and regional health authorities. This year Community Engagement Hubs will present alongside government partners to showcase unique community based health service delivery models developed at the regional level. Over the past year the First Nations Health Council has enacted an interim corporate entity, the FN Health Society, to take on the legal and financial responsibilities for implementing the Health Plans. Participants will have the opportunity to receive an update on organizational changes, and meet FN Society members during Day 2.

Day 3 discussions are focussed on the development of a First Nations Health Directors Association. In September of 2008, Health Directors held a two-day forum to begin dialogue towards the development of a First Nations Health Directors Association, one of four governance components in the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan. This Forum laid the groundwork for a Health Directors survey administered this spring. The feedback from both the forum and the survey have led to the development of a draft structure for the Association. Health Directors will be asked to ratify this structure on Day 3.

We invite you to continue the conversation on First Nations health that was initiated at the first Gathering Wisdom Forum in 2007. We hope that you are able to share your ideas and experiences over the next three days. We look forward to your participation and to hearing what you think about the work that has taken place so far. We'd also like to hear your thoughts about anything that should be added or taken into consideration as we develop a First Nations health plan for B.C.

Thank you for taking the time to attend this gathering.

November 3rd, 2009 – Health Governance

Putting the Plan into Action: BC First Nations Health Governance

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER	LOCATION
7:45-8:30	Registration and Breakfast		
8.45 am	Opening Prayer and Welcome	Leonard George & Ron Hamilton	Pinnacle
9.00 am	Keynote Address from the Tripartite Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Honorable Leona Aglukkaq Minister of Health, Government of Canada The Honorable Ida Chong Minister of Healthy Living and Sport, Government of British Columbia Grand Chief Doug Kelly, Co-Chair First Nations Interim Health Governance Committee 	Pinnacle
9.30 am	Tripartite Governance Committee Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grand Chief Doug Kelly, Co-Chair First Nations Interim Health Governance Committee Ian Potter, Project Manager First Nations and Inuit Health, Health Canada Andrew Hazlewood, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population Health and Wellness Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport 	Pinnacle
10.30 am	Health Break		
10.45 am	Health Governance Expert Panel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valerie Davidson, Senior Director, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium Anchorage, Alaska Paul Lah Chartrand, Consultant Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Manuhua Barcham, PhD, Synexe Consulting Limited Palmerston North, New Zealand 	Pinnacle
11.45 am	Health Governance Plenary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opportunity for participants questions, interests and concerns to the Expert Panel 	Pinnacle
12.15 pm	Lunch Break		
1:00 pm	First Nations Interim Health Governance Committee Process	<p>Grand Chief Ed John, Grand Chief Doug Kelly and Chief Shane Gottfriedson- First Nations Interim Health Governance Committee Co-Chairs & First Nations Interim Health Governance Committee Regional Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Warner Adam - Northern Region Gwen Phillips - Interior Region Chief Maureen Chapman - Fraser Region Charles Nelson - Vancouver Coastal Region Chief Bob Chamberlin - Vancouver Island Region 	Pinnacle
1:45 pm	First Nations Interim Health Governance Committee Plenary	Opportunity for participants questions, interests and concerns to the FNIHGC	Pinnacle

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER	LOCATION
2:15 pm	<p>Regional Caucus Discussion</p> <p>Participants from each region of the North, Interior, Fraser, Vancouver Coastal, and Vancouver Island to meet separately and discuss concerns and interests of the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan Governance Process</p> <p>How do we apply what we have heard from the Health Governance Expert Panel and the Tripartite Health Governance Process into our work and region?</p>	<p>First Nations Interim Health Governance Committee Regional Members to lead each Regional Caucus Discussion</p> <p>Warner Adam - Northern Region</p> <p>Gwen Phillips - Interior Region</p> <p>Chief Maureen Chapman - Fraser Region</p> <p>Charles Nelson - Vancouver Coastal Region</p> <p>Chief Bob Chamberlin - Vancouver Island Region</p>	<p>Pinnacle 3</p> <p>Pinnacle 2</p> <p>Shaunessy</p> <p>Point Grey</p> <p>Pinnacle 1</p>
3:15 pm	Health Break		
3:30 pm	Regional Caucus Plenary	<p>First Nations Interim Health Governance Committee Regional Members to lead reporting back on interests and concerns</p> <p>Warner Adam - Northern Region</p> <p>Gwen Phillips - Interior Region</p> <p>Chief Maureen Chapman - Fraser Region</p> <p>Charles Nelson - Vancouver Coastal Region</p> <p>Chief Bob Chamberlin - Vancouver Island Region</p>	Pinnacle
4:30 pm	BC Chiefs Update on H1N1	Dr Evan Adams and Dr. Shannon Waters	Pinnacle
5:00 pm	Closing Prayer	Ron Hamilton	
6:00 pm	<p>Evening Program Crisis</p> <p>Communications Training</p>	PR Associates	Shaughnessy

November 4, 2009 – Health Actions

GOAL: to provide First Nations communities with an update on the TCA and Tripartite FNHP

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER	LOCATION
9:00	Welcome	Elder Harriett Cook, Musqueam Nation	Pinnacle
9:10 – 9:30 am	Opening Comments from the FNHC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of FNHS • Presentation FNHC/FNHS 	Chief Lydia Hwitsum & Debbie Abbott (Co chairs, First Nations Health Council)	Pinnacle
9:30 – 10:00 am	Tripartite opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome to the Health Actions day Highlights of progress made over the last year and how it is changing the ways which partners work together Feature tripartite Year in Review as a summary of progress made 	Joe Gallagher- CEO - First Nations Health Council Andrew Hazlewood, Assistant Deputy Minister, Population Health and Wellness, Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport Yousuf Ali - Regional Director, First Nations and Inuit Health, Health Canada	Pinnacle
10:00 – 11:00 am	Health Experts Panel: Health service delivery models	Manuhaia Barcham, PhD, Synexe Consulting Limited Palmerston North, New Zealand Valerie Davidson, Senior Director, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Anchorage, Alaska Fraser Hubs Presentation – Linda Kay Peters (Seabird Island Hub), and Anne Cochran (Nlaka'pamux Services Society Hub)	Pinnacle
11:00 -11:15	BREAK		
11:15-12:00	HEALTH ACTION UPDATES Concurrent Sessions	Facilitator and presenters:	
	Mental Wellness & Substance Misuse	Jean Allbeury (FNHC), Carole Patrick (FNIH), Tara Nault (MHLS)	Pinnacle 1
	Ehealth & Data	Gavin Eaton (COE), Ted Matthews (COE), Mark Sommerfeld (FNHC), Jeffrey Yu (FNIH), Shaun McCumber (MHLS)	Shaughnessy
	Primary Health	Suzanne Johnson (FNHC) Dr. Georgia Kyba (FNHC), Denise Lecoy (MHLS) Michelle DeGroot (FNHC), Pamela Morrison (FNIH), Matt Herman (MHLS)	Pinnacle 2
	Maternal & Child Health	Carla Springinotic (MHLS), Michelle Warr (FNIH), Christine Atkins (BCAAFC) Lucy Barney (PHSA)	Point Grey
	Cultural Competency	Leslie Varley (PHSA)	Pinnacle 3
12:15 – 1:15	LUNCH BREAK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speaker (12:45 – 1:15) 	“Pathways to Health and Healing” Dr. Perry Kendall, Provincial Health Officer	
1:30-2:30	HEALTH ACTION UPDATES Concurrent Sessions	Facilitator and presenters:	
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2:30 -2:45	BREAK		

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2:45-4:00	Regional Discussions	Break out sessions by Health Authority Region	
	Break out sessions by Health Authority Region	Vancouver Coastal	Point Grey
	Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ernest Armann, Lower Stl'atl'imx Tribal Council Hub Linda Day, VCH Derek Leung, FNIH 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do we work collectively? How do we coordinate our services and programs regionally? 	Vancouver Island	Pinnacle 1
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wilma Mack, Inter-Tribal Health Authority Hub Ian Knipe, VIHA Dr. Shannon Waters, FNIH 	
		Fraser	Shaughnessy
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leslie Schroeder, FHA Jane Mather, FNIH 	
		Interior	Pinnacle 2
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanessa Mitchell, Okanagan Nation Hub Joanne Mills, IH Janet Currie, FNIH 	
		North	Pinnacle 3
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sandra Garbitt, Treaty 8 Hub Paul Hanki, NHA Michael Hilson, FNIH 	
4:00-4:30	Summarization of the day and Closing remarks	Harold Tarbell	Pinnacle 1, 2, 3
5:00	BC Recreation and Parks Association and Walk BC	Walking Event- BC Recreation and Parks Association and Walk BC will be hosting a walking event for those interested. Bring comfortable clothing and shoes for this event.	Shaughnessy

November 5th, 2009 – Health Directors

GOAL: To review and agree to a model for the development of a Health Director's Association
To provide professional development to Health Directors

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER	LOCATION
9:00 – 9:15	Elder Welcoming	Elder, Barbara Charlie, Squamish Nation	Pinnacle
9:15 – 9:30	Opening Remarks		Pinnacle
9:30 – 10:00	Health Manager National Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update • Competency Framework • Questions and Answers 	Laurette Bloomquist and Ella Arcand First Nations Health Managers Association	Pinnacle
10:00-10:30	Review of Health Director Survey Results	Laura Jameson, Aileen Prince First Nations Health Directors Subcommittee	Pinnacle
10:30-10:45	Break		
10:45-11:30	Review of Proposed Association Model	Kim Brooks, Laurette Bloomquist First Nations Health Directors Subcommittee	Pinnacle
11:15-11:30	Vote: To Form Association	Harold Tarbell	Pinnacle
11:30 – 12:00	Selection of Regional Representatives	VIHA NHA VCH FH IH	Pinnacle 1 Pinnacle 3 Point Grey Shaughnessy Pinnacle 2
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch		
1:00 – 2:30	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BREAK OUT SESSIONS		
	eHealth	Dr. Evan Adam (MHLS), Dr. Shannon Waters (FNIH), Dr. Eric Younge (MHLS), Gavin Eaton (COE), Karl Mallory (MOHS), Carolyne Neufeld (Seabird Island Hub), Mark Sommerfeld (FNIH), Jeffrey Yu (FNIH)	Shaughnessy
	Best Practices		Pinnacle 1
	Secwepemc Nation Injury Surveillance & Prevention Program - Mary McCullough		
	Chronic Disease- Rona Loewen and Dann Swann, Seabird Island Mobile Clinic		
	Accreditation- Jennie Walker, Three Corners Health Society		
	HIV/AIDS - Aileen Prince, Nak'azdli Health Centre		
	Freedom of Information	Jay Lambert	Pinnacle 2
	Long Term Strategic Planning	Harold Tarbell	Pinnacle 3
2:30 – 2:45	Break		

TIME	EVENT	SPEAKER	LOCATION
2:45 – 4:15	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BREAK OUT SESSIONS II		
	eHealth	Dr. Evan Adam (MHLS), Dr. Shannon Waters (FNIH), Dr. Eric Younge (MHLS), Gavin Eaton (COE), Karl Mallory (MOHS), Carolyne Neufeld (Seabird Island Hub), Mark Sommerfeld (FNIH), Jeffrey Yu (FNIH)	Shaughnessy
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	Freedom of Information	Jay Lambert	Pinnacle 2
	Long Term Strategic Planning	Harold Tarbell	Pinnacle 3
4:15 – 4:30	Closing	Harold Tarbell	Pinnacle 1, 2, 3

Speakers Biographies

Honourable Leona Aglukkaq

Ms. Aglukkaq was first elected to work for the Nunavummiut in the House of Commons in October 2008. On October 30th, 2008 she became the first Inuk to be sworn into the Federal Cabinet.

Prior to entering federal politics Ms. Aglukkaq served in the Nunavut Legislative Assembly as the MLA for the district of NATTILIK (communities of Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak).

During her time as an MLA, Ms. Aglukkaq was elected by her peers to be part of the Executive Council. She was first given the responsibility of Finance Minister and House Leader, before becoming the Minister of Health and Social Services and the Minister for the Status of Women.

Ms. Aglukkaq throughout her life has enjoyed an extensive career in Government. Before entering politics, Ms. Aglukkaq served in numerous roles in both the Governments of the Northwest Territories and Nunavut, including as Deputy Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Deputy Minister for Culture, Language, Elders and Youth, Deputy Minister for Human Resources and as an Assistant Deputy Minister for Human Resources and Executive and Intergovernmental Affairs.

Whether it has been during her time involved in the federal government, the territorial government, the Cambridge Bay municipal government, where she served for six years as a Councilor, her numerous hours spent volunteering in the communities, or during her time serving on different boards, such as the Arctic College Board of Governors, the Nunavut Impact Review Board or the NWT Science Institute; Ms. Aglukkaq has always fought hard for Inuit issues that she was raised to believe in.

Ms. Aglukkaq was raised in Thom Bay, Taloyoak and Gjoa Haven. Ms. Aglukkaq is married to Robbie MacNeil and has a son Cooper.

Honourable Ida Chong

Ida Chong was re-elected to represent the riding of Oak Bay-Gordon Head on May 12, 2009. She first entered Provincial politics in 1996 and has represented the riding since that time. Prior to entering the Provincial realm, Ms. Chong was a member of Saanich City Council for two terms.

On June 10, 2009, Ms. Chong was sworn in as the Minister of Healthy Living and Sport. She has been a member of executive council since 2005 and most recently served as Minister of Small Business, Technology and Economic Development and Minister Responsible for the Asia-Pacific Initiative. Minister Chong has also served as Minister of Advanced Education and Minister of Community Services, with responsibilities for local governments, seniors' and women's issues and the B.C. Public Service Agency. In addition to her role as minister, Ms. Chong also served on the Cabinet Committee for Climate Action and B.C.'s Treasury Board.

A native of Greater Victoria, Minister Chong is a Certified General Accountant by profession and was a senior partner in a small business accounting firm prior to beginning her career in politics. She recently received the recognition of Fellowship of the CGA to acknowledge her longstanding commitment to excellence in her field.

Ms. Chong and her partner live in Gordon Head with their springer spaniel, Checkers.

Speakers Biographies

Grand Chief Edward John

Edward John, a lawyer, is a Hereditary Chief (Akile Ch'oh) and Grand Chief of the Tl'azt'en Nation. Chief John's educational background includes a Bachelors Degree from the University of Victoria and a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of British Columbia. Chief John was a member of the tripartite British Columbia Claims Task Force which recommended the establishment of the independent BC Treaty Commission to facilitate treaty negotiations. Chief John was elected in seven straight terms as a member of the three-member political executive (Task Group) of the First Nations Summit. The Task Group is authorized by the Summit to carry out specifically mandated tasks on issues related to treaty negotiations in British Columbia. Grand Chief Edward John is a member of the BC First Nations Leadership Council, and in this capacity has participated in the development and implementation of a number of key initiatives, including the Transformative Change Accord: First Nations Health Plan and the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan.

Grand Chief Doug Kelly

Grand Chief Doug Kelly is married, with a blended family of six adult children, he resides on the Soowahlie Indian Reserve located near Cultus Lake, BC.

He is a founding member, elected Tribal Chief, and Treasurer of the Stó:lō Tribal Council. Doug advocates for health, children & family services, fisheries, Aboriginal Title and Rights. Grand Chief Kelly is also the Chairman of the First Nations Fisheries Council.

Kelly is a member of the First Nations Health Council and a Co-Chair for the Health Governance Subcommittee. The First Nations Health Council is responsible for overseeing the delivery of health action items identified in the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan. The Governance Subcommittee is responsible to design and deliver a community-driven Governance Structure for First Nations Health.

Grand Chief Doug Kelly has more than twenty-five years of leadership experience. His leadership background includes: two years with the First Nations Summit Political Executive, 4 years as Treasurer for the Stó:lō Tribal Council, eight years as Soowahlie Chief, 2 years on the Stó:lō Nation Executive, and 2 years with the BC Treaty Commission. He also has 13 years in senior management positions. He worked for the First Nations Chiefs' Health Committee, Stó:lō Nation, and Stó:lō Tribal Council. Doug led the development of Stó:lō Health Transfer, Stó:lō Child Welfare, and other programs including fisheries and economic development.

Chief Shane Gottfriedson

Re-elected December of 2008, Chief Shane Gottfriedson is now serving his 2nd term as Chief of the Kamloops Indian Band. A former Ironworker with a strong entrepreneurial inclination, Shane Gottfriedson is the TIB's 12th Chief. He diligently seeks to create economic opportunities to benefit TK'emlups people in a meaningful, sustainable economic environment that creates jobs and partnerships that provide for economic growth for our region.

He also serves as the chair for the BC Assembly of First Nations Economic Development Committee and the BC Chief's Negotiation Team for Gaming. Chief Gottfriedson is also on the Chiefs Health Committee for the Interior, and is passionate about health care for all of First Nations people. He is also a member of the Southern Interior Trust Board, the Board of Directors for Venture Kamloops, and the Board of Directors for Tourism Kamloops. He has most recently become a member of the 2011 Western Canadian Games Board, Director of the Forest Products Sector Council and is an advocate for the welfare of Secwepemc children.

Chief Shane Gottfriedson is an appointed co-chair to the First Nations Interim Health Governance Committee as the representative for the Union of BC Indian Chiefs.

Andrew Hazlewood

Andrew Hazlewood is the Assistant Deputy Minister, Population and Public Health, for the British Columbia Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport. Andrew began his career in Public Health in 1972 with the Saskatchewan Department of Health. In 1986 he joined the British Columbia Ministry of Health and has held increasingly responsible positions in the public and preventive health field. Currently, Andrew works closely with the Provincial Health Officer to ensure that Population and Public Health core functions of health improvement; prevention of disease, injury and disability; environmental health; and emergency management are implemented using a variety of strategies including: health promotion, health protection, preventive interventions, self-care initiatives, and health assessment and surveillance. As well, increasing the awareness of the health status of British Columbians, and addressing factors that lead to poor health are part of Andrew's mandate. This is especially important within the Aboriginal population of British Columbia and for seniors and women.

Ian Potter

For the better part of three decades, Ian Potter has been a dedicated member of the federal public service, whose contribution has resulted in some of the most dramatic Canadian policy initiatives in recent memory – the approval of the Canada Health Act and the creation of a new territory of Nunavut. For the last eight years, Ian served as the Assistant Deputy Minister of Health Canada – First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB), responsible for overseeing federal health programs and policies related to First Nations and Inuit peoples in Canada.

Drawing on his wealth of experience with the health and social service portfolios, he has built a career around a personal view that government can be an important tool to help facilitate a better life for all Canadians. He has worked in the federal departments of Health, Social Development, Employment and Immigration and Indian and Northern Affairs and for the provincial governments of New Brunswick, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. To help chart new directions in First Nations health in British Columbia, Ian will be representing the federal government in tripartite health governance discussions as part of the implementation of the BC Tripartite Health Plan signed on June 11, 2007, between the First Nations Leadership Council (FNLC), the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada. This work will ultimately lead to the creation of a new First Nations Health Authority Governing Body that will have BC First Nations assume control over the design, delivery, day-to-day management and accountability of health programs and services for BC First Nations.

Ian holds a Master of Science in economics from the London School of Economics and a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Manitoba.

Valerie Davidson

Valerie Davidson is the Senior Director of Legal & Intergovernmental Affairs for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. Valerie has served in various roles to advance tribal health and self-governance, including serving as Co-Lead Negotiator for the Alaska Tribal Compact, and as a member of the Title V Negotiated Rulemaking Committee. She currently serves as Chair of the national Tribal Technical Advisory Group to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and also serves as a Commissioner of the Alaska Health Care Commission. Most important, and bringing her the greatest joy, Valerie enjoys spending time with her two daughters, Kylie (8) and Alana (6) and her niece, Misti (16) and nephew, Jimmy (14).

Paul Lah Chartrand

A former Professor of Law at the University of Saskatchewan, Paul has held academic and administrative positions at universities in Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the USA. His professional interests and many publications are mainly in the spheres of law and policy relating to indigenous peoples, in domestic, comparative and international contexts. He has been an advisor to Indigenous Peoples organizations in Canada and at the United Nations and Organisation of American States. His public service includes appointments as a commissioner on Canada's Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1991-95), on Manitoba's Aboriginal Justice Implementation Commission (1999-2001) and as a founding director on the board of Canada's Aboriginal Healing Foundation. Paul is a former athlete who competed at the national and international level and has been inducted several times into Baseball and Sports Halls of Fame.

Manuhua Barcham

Manuhua Barcham grew up in a marae (traditional Maori village) on the East Coast of the North Island of New Zealand in his grandmother's country. He is a member of the following Iwi (tribes): Ngati Kahungunu, Te Arawa and Ngati Tuwharetoa but grew up in Ngati Kahungunu territory. His undergraduate work was completed at Canterbury University in New Zealand but he completed his graduate education overseas studying at Oxford University in England and taking his PhD from the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia. After working in universities in Australia and New Zealand he took up the post of the foundation Director of the Centre for Indigenous Governance and Development (CIGAD) at Massey University, New Zealand in 2005. In 2008 he left the University sector to take up a position as Director of Synexe (an international consulting firm) in order to more directly bring about positive change for aboriginal peoples. Synexe operates out of Palmerston North, New Zealand; Brisbane, Australia; and Saskatoon, Canada. He has worked for and provided expert advice for a range of groups and agencies including the Australian and New Zealand governments, the United Nations Development Program, the World Bank and indigenous peoples across the Asia-Pacific region.

Chief Maureen Chapman

I am a mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and First Nations woman who was born in Clearwater, BC, in my maternal grandmother's home. I was raised in Clearwater until I was six years old, when our family moved to my mother's home community of Katzie First Nation. I attended Catholic day-school in Maple Ridge for a number of years while living in Katzie, and then moved to the United States with my family. Before this move, I was in foster care for a few years and was fortunate enough to be placed in a caring and supportive environment.

I have eight brothers and originally five sisters (one deceased), and though we struggled as many of our families have, most of us have been able to move on to post-secondary education, personal business ventures, and fulfilling careers. I am the hereditary Chief of Skawahlook First Nation, situated at Ruby Creek between Agassiz and Hope, and belong to the Sto:lo Nation Chiefs Council (SNCC) of 11 communities. I am the proud mother of one son and three grandsons, who are a continuous reminder of the importance of the advocacy and decision-making processes I am involved in.

Educational background includes Social Work - diploma program at the University of the Fraser Valley; Aboriginal Adult Learners - teaching degree from Vancouver Community College; Communication and Technical Writing diploma program - Washington State Community College, Pasco, Wa; and a number of personal and career development courses/seminars/conferences.

Political background: on Skawahlook First Nation Council since 1991; installed as the Hereditary Chief in 1999, and have developed a succession plan for the Hereditary Chief from the young women in the Skawahlook community; inaugural chair for the Assembly of First Nations Women's Council.

Related activities: member of the Sto:lo Nation Chiefs Council; Sto:lo Xwexwilmexw Treaty Society; Health, Economic Development, and Housing Chair - Sto:lo Nation Board of Directors; Political Chair - Aboriginal Children and Families Chiefs Coalition; SNCC representative - First Nations Interim Health Governance Committee; SNCC representative - Interim First Nations Child and Family Wellness Council; member - newly developed political Task Force - BC Chiefs Assembly; member - National Indian Child Welfare Association (USA); former co-chair - National Aboriginal Health Organization (Ottawa).

Gwen Phillips

Gwen is a citizen of the Ktunaxa Nation and has worked for her Nation for the past twenty-six years, primarily within the Social Sector, serving as both Director of Education and Director of Health. Gwen has extensive experience in relationship building and has both developed and instructed First Nation Studies courses at the College of the Rockies. In her current role as Director of Corporate Services and Governance Transition, Gwen is responsible for guiding the Ktunaxa Nation's transition to self-governance, based on their traditional values and principles. Her formal training is in Business Administration and she operates her own small business, as a community planner, facilitator/trainer, artist and curriculum developer.

Warner Adam

Warner Adam is the Executive Director of Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS). CSFS develops and delivers Family and Children, Health, and Legal/Justice Services to eleven First Nations Governments in the Northwestern region of BC. Mr. Adam led the development of Carrier Sekani Family Services, and grew the organization from a staff of three in 1989 to a staff of 150 employees; the largest northern First Nations employer, with an annual budget of \$ 14 million in 2009.

Warner has served on numerous community, federal, provincial and First Nations boards and committees. As President of the BC Aboriginal Child Care Society Warner has helped create over 700 licensed childcare seats for BC First Nations. Warner has experience negotiating with all levels of government, achievements in this area include: agreements related to the transfer and devolution of Family and Child Services from the BC government as well as the negotiations of transferring health services from Health Canada to Carrier Sekani Family Services.

Mr. Adam holds a Certificate in Public Administration of Aboriginal Governments from the University of Victoria and two years of Business Administration from the College of New Caledonia. He is a strong supporter of holistic healing using indigenous values and belief systems. He is committed to community capacity building for the positive growth of children, and autonomy of indigenous peoples.

Dr. Shannon Waters

Dr. Shannon Tania Waters is Coast Salish and a member of Chemainus First Nation on Vancouver Island. She completed the First Nations Family Practice Program at the University of British Columbia in 2004 and was honored to work as a family doctor close to her home in Duncan, BC.

Shannon returned to school in 2006 and completed her specialty in Community Medicine (Population and Public Health) in June 2009. She is now working as the Director of Health Surveillance at First Nations Inuit Health- BC Region and is involved in the areas of First Nations health information and eHealth.



Speakers Biographies

Dr. Evan Adams

Evan Tesla II Adams of the Sliammon First Nation (Powell River, BC) is an actor and physician whose numerous performances include a starring role in the Emmy-winning TV-movie LOST IN THE BARRENS and, most memorably, as Thomas Builds-The-Fire in the Miramax feature SMOKE SIGNALS, which won him many awards including an Independent Spirit Award for performance in 1999. Dr. Adams completed his MEd at the University of Calgary, his Aboriginal Family Practice residency at St Paul's Hospital/UBC (as Chief Resident), and is currently the Director of the Division of Aboriginal People's Health, UBC Faculty of Medicine, and the Aboriginal Health Physician Advisor, Office of the Provincial Health Officer.

Debbie Abbott

Debbie Abbott is a member of the Nlaka'pamux nation. She is Executive Director of the Nlaka'pamux Nation Tribal Council, and has served approximately 20 years with the Council which provides advisory services to its member communities. Debbie is a member of the Lytton Indian Band Council where she has held the Social Development and Health portfolio for the past three years. Debbie has participated over the years on various community and regional boards that address Aboriginal social issues. She is currently director of a safe house for women and children in crisis. Debbie Abbott is the recipient of a national award for her work in the community.

Chief Lydia Hwitsum

Lydia Hwitsum is the current Chief of Cowichan Tribes, a First Nations Band comprised of nine villages in the Cowichan Valley, and currently the largest Coast Salish Tribe in British Columbia. Lydia served as elected Chief of Cowichan Tribes for two terms, from 1997 to 2001 and was again elected as the Chief of Cowichan Tribes in 2007. She also served a two-year term, from 2002 - 2004, as an elected member of the BC First Nations Summit, Political Executive.

Lydia Hwitsum has studied at the University of Victoria, where she graduated in 1997 earning her Certificate in the Administration of Aboriginal Government and Diploma in Public Sector Management. She has studied Native Law at the University of Saskatchewan and has training in Conflict Resolution at the Justice Institute of BC.

Lydia worked at the planning seminar and attended the first sitting of the United Nations Permanent Forum on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She continues to lobby internationally for Indigenous issues. Hul'qumi'num language study is ongoing and remains important to her. She continues to advocate for self-governance, Aboriginal and human rights, and youth and has represented these matters on a local and international front.

Joe Gallagher

Joe Gallagher is the Chief Executive Officer for the First Nations Health Council. Joe is a member of the Sliammon First Nation and previously held the position of Director of Programs for First Nations Inuit Health. In his work with the First Nations Health Council Joe is responsible to provide coordination and leadership to the overall effort of the First Nations Health Council to implement the Tripartite First Nations Health Plan on behalf of First Nations Communities in British Columbia. Joe holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Victoria and has over 15 years of experience working with many First Nations communities in British Columbia through various consulting projects as one of the principals of Visions First Nations Planning Group and through his capacity as the Chief Negotiator for the Sliammon Treaty Negotiation Team.

Yousuf Ali

Yousuf Ali, Regional Director of First Nations and Inuit Health, British Columbia (BC) Region, has been with Health Canada for over 25 years. During this time he has represented the organization with the highest of professional standards. Yousuf's career with Health Canada has been a varied and rewarding journey throughout Canada including stints as the Zone Hospital Finance Manager in Sioux Lookout, Ontario and as the Manager of Finance for Saskatchewan Region.

During his time in BC, Yousuf primarily occupied the post of Director of Health Transfer and Benefits. In that role, he oversaw the Non Insured Health Benefits program for the Region. Currently, Yousuf leads the First Nations and Inuit Health Program in BC with over 200 employees and a budget of \$300 million. The Region delivers 22 distinct programs and oversees the provision of health services to over 120,000 individuals belonging to more than 200 distinct First Nations. Yousuf maintains effective, open and productive relationships; he is always available to meet with those he serves.

Yousuf holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of Manitoba with a focus on accounting and finance. He and his wife, a physician, have been married for 24 years and they have three children. Yousuf takes a very active role in his community and is currently the leader in his church.