

First Nations Health Governance Interior Caucus (Interior Caucus Meetings)

October 14 & 15, 2008 - Kamloops

Meeting primarily attended by Health Directors who stated that Chiefs were needed at this meeting to guide the Governance process

Discussion (facilitated) Understanding Health & Governance – Break out groups

The following questions were discussed:

What are the current strengths and limitations that exist within the overlapping relationships between BC First Nations, Health Canada, BC and the Health Authorities, and what are your recommendations to address the limitations?

How should a health governance framework effectively respond to social determinants of health in your region?

What is the level of a BC First Nations commitment to an administrative arrangement with Health Canada and BC?

What will be an acceptable administrative arrangement for BC First Nations for federal services?

What will be an acceptable administrative arrangement for BC First Nations for provincial services?

The Co-Chairs of the forming Interim Governance Committee recommended:

That the five (5) Health regions remain

Each region to select three (3) representatives for to sit on the Interim Governance Committee

Next Steps:

Questions put forth from this meeting, requires further discussion:

Are you prepared to support the creation of a caucus to address health governance issues?

How should the caucus be formed within your region and provincially?

What do you think are key principles of a BC First Nations caucus in terms of membership, communication, reporting, accountability, and maintainability?

Are you prepared to communicate and work with other First Nations within each health authority? If so how?

In what manner do you think one person should be selected to serve as a member on the committee?

What are four key skills, characteristics and requirements of a potential member for the Committee?

Are you prepared to support the Committee via a caucus to consider, develop and implement a health governance framework?

What are some considerations for establishing the regional budgets?

Conclusion:

A further meeting to be held to ensure more participation by Politicians.

November 20, 2008 - Kamloops

Attendees:

Shawnee Palmantier
Debbie Whitehead
Susan James
Les Leibbrant
Debbie Abbott
Yvonne Smith
Pauline Terbasket
Joe Dennis
Mike LeBourdias
Lynn Kenoras
Sherry MacIntyre
Felix Arnouse
Terry Clayton
Lenora Fletcher

Sophie Pierre
Mike Leech
Jim Billy
Robert Pasco
Mike Jr. Archie
Stewart Phillip
Fabian Alexis
Wayne Christian
Bob Moody
Joe Alphonse
Charlene Belleau
Don Moses
Delores Alec

Invited the eight Tribal Councils to select Interior Representatives
Chief's in attendance requested more information and input from all Chiefs

Discussion, Questions and comments by participants.

NEXT STEPS:

Chief Christian recommended that Chief Shane be considered the interim representative, and that we call a formal Caucus of all Chiefs in region to get support of everyone.

The tentative dates set were for January: 22-23 Kamloops OR 29-30 in Vancouver; venue TBD.

Travel and accommodation will be provided by FNIHGC, and there will be letter to all Chiefs to outline how access such resources.

Chief Christian also recommended that Tribal Chairs be put in place to work with Chief Shane on this health governance work, and to deal with resources that will get allocated to do governance work in the communities.

The Chiefs in attendance agreed to the Interim representation and next steps.

January 22 & 23, 2009 - Kamloops

FNHC: Chief Wayne Christian
Derek Thompson
Andrea Glickman

Debbie Abbott (Day Two)
Carrie Robinson

Interior Caucus:

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip

Chief Jonathon Kruger

Judy Marchand

Emery Robins

Joanie Gabriel

Pamela Crema

Assunta Rosal

Charlene Pittman

Sherry McIntyre

Chief Michael Archie

Jennie Walker

Chief Charlene Belleau – Esketemc First Nation

Chief Nelson Leon

Chief Shane Gottfriedson

Chief Michael LeBourdais

Shirley Anderson

Diane Jules

Candice Simon

Harry Paul

Chief Lynda Price

Judy Gregg

Rob Eneas

Pauline Michell

Chief Ruby Adams

Arnold Lampreau

Pauline Terbasket

Chief Fabian Alexis

Janelle Brewer

Lynn Kruger

Eliza Terbasket

Cathy Terbasket

Chief Byron Spinks

Virginia Peters

Art Froste

Chief Marilyn Camille

Chief Gerald Johnny

Chief Lenora Fletcher – High Bar First Nation

Chief Wayne Christian

Chief Keith Matthew

Bob Moody

Lynn Kenoras

David Manuel

Colleen LeBourdais

Kevin Jules

Chief Lillian Squinas

Terri Boyd

Debbie Whitehead

Chief Harold Aljam

Jim Billy

Midge Stewart

Discussion:

Nation to Nation principles must be the foundation for a First Nations Health Authority;

December 15, 2009 in Kamloops

Requested an Interior Position paper

Did not review the FNHC Negotiating Mandate

is not written in stone, once we are more organized as a Caucus, it is a living process that will change

ACTION: COMMIT TO BRING INFORMATION TO COMMUNITIES

Develop TOR – terms of reference

Other Nations to go back and make their appointments by Feb 28th

Deliverable, timelines, benchmark for achievement

Summary of Recommendations

That jurisdiction should be Nation to Nation

That we commit to ensuring there are more people included in the forming of Caucus structure
Ktunaxa Nation recommends that in the Interior, each Nation recommend a representative to the FNIHGC and further that the ON model be forwarded to the FNHC and all Bands in province.
That Nations who have not put a representative forward need to do so
That Nations consult outside of this process regarding choice of representatives.
That future meetings should be held in communities- will increase community engagement, and increase spending inside communities
That health be considered holistically throughout this process
That in health, we establish a strong governance framework and consider staying out of the Societies Act

Next step:

A meeting of the political leaders of the Nations

December 15, 2009 - Kamloops

Attendees:

Chief Janet Webster, Lytton First Nation
Kukpi7 Wayne Christian, Splatsin First Nation
Colleen LeBourdais, Qwemtsin Health Director
Chief Mike Archie, Canim Lake
Virginia Peter, Lytton Band, Councillor
Karen Everard, Adams Lake Band
Chief Darrell Bob, Xaxclip
Chief Lenora Fletcher, High Bar
Laura Jamieson, Little Shuswap
Duane Tom, Upper Nicola Band
Jennie Walker, Three Corners H.S.
Ervin Charleyboy, Alexis Creek
Harvey Sulin, Ulkatcho First Nation
Crystal Bonneau, Splatsin
Arnie Lampreau, Scw'exmx Health Society
Antoine Archie, White Feather H.C., Health Director
Vern Michel, WLIB Councillor
Franny Alec, T'it'q'et
Chief Liliane Squinas, Kluskus, CTC
Arnie Lampreau, Scw'exmx Health Board Manager
Chief Desmond Peter
Cheryl Stump, ONA

Chief Nelson Leon, Adams Lake
Chief Michael LeBourdais, Whispering Pines
Andrea LeBourdais, Whispering Pines/Clinton
Chief Charlene Belleau, Esketemc
Roy Christopher, Canim Lake Band
Lynn Kenoras, Neskonlith Band
Jim Adams, Scw'exmx Health
Bob Mccuaig, High Bar First Nation,
Betsy Munro, Siska
Agnes Case, Alexis Case
George Saddleman, Upper Nicola Band
Alan Louie
Leo Porter
Jackie McPherson, Osoyoos Indian Band
Chief Geronimo Squinas, Red Bluff CTC
Chief Bernie Elkins, Esdilagh- TNG
Faye Michell, Bridge River Band
Laura Jamieson, Little Shuswap
Art Froste, Oregon Jack Creek Councillor
Chief Shane Gottfriedson
Assunta Rosal, ONA
Pamela Crema, ONA

Other Attendees

Debbie Abbott, FNHC Co-Chair
Lori Sellars, FNHC Policy Analyst
Mark Matthew, FNHC Interior Community Development Liaison
Andrea Glickman, UBCIC Governance Policy Analyst, Notes

Derek Thompson, FNIHGC Coordinator

Discussion:

- The Negotiating Mandate; considering an Interior Political Accord;

- Determining Interior governance;
- Briefing Note on Treasury Board specific to FNIHGC governance work.

NEXT STEPS:

Submit comments on Draft Negotiating Mandate to Derek Thompson
 Interior health Directors and tech people meet with Interior regional reps in January to discuss technical support issues and Terms of Reference.
 Interior produces a position paper to bring to the next meeting.
 Interior meeting February 24th, 25th , 26th 2010
 Chiefs will open the meeting with a ceremony.

February 24-25, 2010 - Kamloops

Attendance:

FNIHGC Co-Chairs and Members:

Grand Chief Doug Kelly (Co-Chair)	Chief Bob Chamberlin (Co-Chair)
Chief Ko'waintco Michel	Chief Darrell Bobb
Chief Shane Gottfriedson	Chief Jonathan Kruger
Chief Bernie Elkins	Gwen Phillips

Interior Caucus:

Chief Terry Porter	Chief Ann Louie
Chief Bill Machell	Chief Marilyn Camille
Chief Liliane Squinas	Chief Janet Webster
Chief Ruby Adams	Chief Mike Archie
Chief Desmond Peters	Chief Larry Casper
Chief Wayne Christian	Chief Mike LeBourdais
Chief Allen Louie	Chief Nelson Leon
Councillor Joyce Johnson	Councillor Betsy Munro
Councillor Jordan Spinks	Councillor Sharon McLeod
Councillor Theresa McIntyre	Councillor Jean M. Brown
Councillor Jennifer Bobb	Councillor William Sellars
Councillor Gina Johnny	Councillor Joanie Gabriel
Councillor Agnes Case	Councillor Art Froste
Councillor Percy Joe	Councillor Tracy Holloway
Councillor Karen Everard	Councillor George Saddleman
Councillor Harvey Sulin	Councillor Sherry McIntyre
Councillor Philly Peters	Health Coordinator Fay Michell
Health Coordinator Laura Jameson	Health Director Josephine Froste
Health Director Jennie Walker	Health Director Teresa Johnny
Health Director Antoine Archie	Health Director Shield Sort
Health Director Patrick Lulua	Health Director Shirley Anderson
Health Director Colleen LeBourdais	Health Director Lynn Kenoras
Health Manager Leo Porter	Health Manager Carolyn Sherrell
Health Manager Franny Alec	Health Manager Jackie McPherson
Health Manager Geri Matthew	Health Worker/Hub Administrator Rita McKay

Administrator Bob McCuaig
Band Manager Lisa Montgomery
Director Judy Marchand
Executive Director Joanne Tardiff
Nurse Wanda Charleyboy
Tribal Director Bonnie Leonard

AECD Consultant Sue Sterling
Communications Walter Quinlan
Director of Finance Nance Henne
Executive Director Jim Adams
Ktunaxa Staff Shannon Girling Hebert
Hub Coordinator June Kelly

FNHC:

Debbie Abbott, Co-Chair
Andrew Leach (facilitator, independent)
Andrea Glickman, Governance Policy Analyst (UBCIC)

Derek Thompson, Health Governance Coordinator

Discussion:

The Interior region reaffirmed its commitment to the Nation to Nation principle

The Interior region drafted three documents;

- First Nations of the Interior Declaration of Unity
- Interior First Nations Position Paper on Governance Negotiations
- Terms of Reference for the Interior Caucus
- Committee name: First Nations Interior Health Governance Caucus

In March 2010 both the UBCIC and First Nations Summit passed resolutions that would dissolve the current FNHC and replace it with a new structure with three appointments from each region. The FNHC has asked for each region to select three members to represent their region. There is a high need to get organized, and to create a foundation that can sustain forward movement.

Three key follow up tasks:

- Get the 3 foundation documents into draft form
- Create a Caucus work plan and budget for the next year
- Organize a Meeting of the Interior Reps to develop a recommended Governance structure

NEXT STEPS:

- Submit comments on Draft Negotiating Mandate to Derek Thompson
- Interior health Directors and tech people meet with Interior regional reps in January to discuss technical
- Support issues and Terms of Reference.
- Interior produces a position paper to bring to the next meeting.
- Interior meeting February 24th, 25th , 26th 2010
- Chiefs will open the meeting with a ceremony.
- Participants: all Interior Chiefs and health directors, plus FNIHGC regional reps.
- Agenda includes: modifying the Negotiating Mandate; considering an Interior Political Accord;
- Determining interior governance structure for health governance work including a decision making process; developing a business plan;
- Circulate a briefing note on Treasury Board that is specific to FNIHGC governance work
- Sign Interior Nations Declaration of Unity

May 3, 2010

First Nations Interior Health Governance Caucus (FNIHGC) Meeting

In Attendance:

Chief Shelley Leech
Chief Jonathan Kruger
Chief Kowaintco Michele
Chief Bernie Elkin's
Chief Geronimo Squinas
Gwen Phillips

Other: Craig Longe Assunta Rosal

Regrets: Chief Shane Gottfriedson (17 bands – Secwepemc)

Discussion:

Six of the seven Interior Representatives met. They reviewed the UBCIC and First Nations Summit Resolutions and the FNHC Transitions Documents which included draft Terms of Reference for the First Nations Health Council and for the Interior Regional Caucus.

The members in attendance rejected the UBCIC and First Nations Summit Resolution.

They agreed on supporting Nation to Nation model.

Next Steps:

Position Paper – include an offer for a rep to present to them: Nation TCR that supports this Declaration of Unity and states that the Interior does not accept the Resolution from the UBCIC or from the Summit. Reiterate your – Nation's rep.

Traditional way – reclaiming a Governance model that reaffirms the jurisdiction of each Nation

TCR – given the geography of the region and the population distribution – we don't believe three reps. can adequately represent the Interior region, consequently assert a Nation to Nation model - seven Nations, seven reps as previously asserted in Feb. 2010, January 2009 and November 2008 Regional meetings. Requesting a budget to continue supporting the work of the Interior Regional Caucus and funding to support two Governance Liaison positions who can work in the communities.

Motions passed:

That if Interior Caucus members who do not receive salary be paid \$300 per day honorarium to attend meetings, provided they present a letter from their employer stating such fact.

Next meeting date: May 13, 2010, full Caucus.

May 13, 2010

FNIHGC:

Chief Ko'waintco Michel
Chief Bernie Elkins
Chief Jonathan Kruger
Chief Arthur Adolph

Chief Shane Gottfriedson
Chief Geronimo Squinas
Gwen Phillips (absent)

Facilitator: Andrew Leach

Caucus:

Chief Mike Archie
Chief Wayne Christian
Chief Mike LeBourdais
Health Manager Donna Dixon
Band Manager Lisa Montgomery
Hub Coordinator June Kelly
Health Director Shirley Anderson
Chief Donna Gallinger
Chief Kevin Whitney
Chief Doug McIntyre
Chief Frances Laceese
Chief Harold Aljam
Debbie Conlin (ORIB)
Councillor Joyce Johnson
Councillor Theresa McIntyre
Councillor Gerald Duncan
Councillor Mike Campbell
Councillor Candice Simon

Proxy Larry Derrickson (WFN)
Proxy Tony Baptiste (Osoyoos)
Chief Robert Edwards (LSIB)
Chief Fred Sampson
Chief Percy Guichon
Chief Nelson Leon
Chief Fabian Alexis
Chief Ann Louie
Chief Clifford Alec
Chief Allan Louie
Chief Janet Webster
Health Director Duane Tom
Sherry Louis (OKIB)
Councillor Vern Michel
Councillor Diane Louis
Councillor Tess Tomma
Councillor Matilda Morgan
Councillor Tracy Holloway

Discussion:

Primary discussed the Nation to Nation model;
Interior Unity Declaration – ratification;
Interior Position paper

Next steps:

FNIHGC continue to meet, (7 Nation representatives)
Review and give feedback to ONA for Terms of Reference
Sign the Interior Unity Declaration