Traditional Healers, Elders, Health Care practitioners 

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For the Traditional Healers' Advisory Council

**CALL OUT: Traditional Healers’ Advisory Committee**

In 2011, Traditional healers at the Traditional Healers Gathering in the Musqueam Nation territory met to discuss what is needed to support traditional medicines and practices within multiple health systems in BC. Recommendations from the Gathering were to form a Traditional Healers Advisory Committee to help improve health and healing in First Nations by nurturing tradition, culture and holistic wellbeing.

The Traditional Healers Advisory Committee, a partnership between BC First Nations, the FNHA and provincial health authorities, will serve as a meeting place for First Nations healers and practitioners to share ideas and best practices and to support the development, accessibility and protection of traditional medicines and practices in BC First Nations communities.

Some key responsibilities of the committee will be to:

- Support the recognition of First Nations beliefs, culture and boundaries in relation to Traditional Wellness and within multiple health systems
- Advise on the collection and storage of traditional wellness information, and on the protection of First Nations knowledge.

**Contact: Send letters to jsmith@fnhc.ca by Dec. 31, 12**

If you or someone you know is interested in being part of the Traditional Healer’s Advisory Committee, please send a letter describing your interest and background in the area of Traditional Wellness; and a letter of support from your community.

**Based on recommendations from the Gathering, Advisory Committee members need to:**
- Come from a community or Health Authority recommendation; Practice/work in British Columbia;
- Understand traditional healing methods; Have a willingness to partner with health care systems; and Be involved in their own healing process. [For more info visit www.fnhc.ca](http://www.fnhc.ca)