

Ontario NEIHR Theme Leaders/Elders Meeting

3:00pm-5:00pm 19 January 2022 via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89599078860?pwd=TFVTL0wxb2h1VXJNanlITytBbEZlZz09>

Minutes

In attendance

Dr. Suzanne Stewart, Pauline Shirt, Clay Shirt, Wendy Phillips, Luana Shirt, Dr. Rod McCormick, Roy Strebel

Regrets

Dr. Jeffery Ansloos, Dr. Holly Graham

Opening Prayer

Elder Pauline Shirt

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ACTION
Spiritual opening- Pauline Shirt		
Individual Check ins		
2. Group Updates	<p>Rod – Agreed to do a SSHRC grant, \$2.5 million - requires so much information decided to slow down to next February. Too rushed for partnerships.</p> <p>US partners in Arizona took part in International Knowledge Makers last year, along with Australia. Tri university alliance in Arizona – Arizona State, U of Arizona, Northern Arizona U. Initiatives – Julie Ann Wrigley Global futures Laboratory – the leading national laboratory environmental research – Indigenous division. Hawaii project looking at rising sea level impacts. Research team may take an environmental theme with Rod looking at the mental health impacts of climate change.</p> <p>Finished one journal with those 4 countries. Coming out next week. Starting second cohort with Canadian, Australian, NZ and</p>	<p>Rod has been working on the review of the lit for his land-based theme group.</p> <p>Angela working on scoping reviews</p>

American students. Knowledge Makers is a research training program, students publish journal article, get \$1000 honorarium. UN contract close to being signed. Focus on Indigenous Young Women and Food Sovereignty.

Clay – Discusses passing of original AIM members.

Wendy – Being called upon for funerals. Difficult through Covid. Had to cancel many visits to stay safe. Ceremonies gearing up, planning details for camps times, etc.. Discusses passing of Elders that led movements (AIM), and importance of their work.

Suzanne – Theme Leaders should not feel under pressure with their groups.

Rod – Difficulty meeting with group, Maile in Hawaii and Canadian time zones. Will email groups for updates and share with this group monthly.

Suzanne - Theme 6 (Policy and Knowledge Translation) group continues to do our work even though we have not had a meeting since September. Did up a Statement of Identity and would the NEIHR like to adopt this/use to help deal with some of the issues that have come up with identity. Please email any comments. Will be posted on Waakebiness website soon, approved by CAC & Elders council.

Rod - Lots of resistance and tension. Identity policing? But there is a need for a policy. Sask. also doing the same.

Suzanne - Theme 6 still holding a policy forum date pushed back to May, in person. Partnership with NWT looking at mental health of Indigenous People in the context of climate change. With Kimberley Fairman & Elder Francoise, and working with Australia, Michelle Dickson. Create short drama plays about this. Can mental health policy be changed as a result of how youth are expressing the impacts of climate change.

Rod - Pat Dudgeon Aboriginal psychologist from Australia does talking yarns around climate emergencies and how they were dealt with.

	<p>Roy - Jeffrey Ansloos's theme group The ON NEIHR <i>Indigenous Suicide Prevention and Complex Crisis Response</i> theme webinar on Feb. 25, 2022, 1pm-2:30pm. <i>Title: Risk Assessment in Indigenous Suicide Prevention: A review of current evidence.</i> Assisting with advertising, registration, and digital facilitation. Will send calendar invite to ON-NEIHR. They will also be hosting a by-invitation knowledge sharing research event on March 11 or 25th. and two public Suicide Prevention Knowledge sharing events later in the spring focused on Inuit and Metis, respectively.</p> <p>Luana - 1)Theme group (Holly & Brenda) has difficulty meeting but will be meeting soon. 2)Working with Gramma on curriculum. Now going into her work with the Elders. 3) Worked with Gathering our bundles - Webinar 4 sessions with Dr. Jim Dumont. (Feb).</p>	
3. Fall Gathering 2021		
4. Webinar	-	
4. Concluding statements/n ext steps and Spiritual Closing- Elder Pauline Shirt	-	