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Ontario NEIHR Theme Leaders/Elders
MINUTES

Date: Wednesday February 21, 2024

Time: 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Wendy Philips, Clay, Suzanne, Shanti (note taker)

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION /ACTION
Wendy Spiritual opening Individual Check ins		
2. Group Updates	Wendy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traveled to San Jose, Costa Rica for a conference hosted by Kai Seed. She received a fellowship to attend, along with 40 other spiritual leaders • They had a chance to visit United Nations Peace University, which offers a variety of graduate programs in environmental studies, peace building, international law/human rights program, environmental sustainability with a focus on Indigenous Knowledges. • Discussed that many people in Costa Rica have a misconception that Indigenous communities in Canada do not experience health 	

	<p>struggles, and have a high quality of life. They don't expect that Indigenous health issues in the global south are the similar in the global north, for example extreme poverty, lack of access to health care services, lack of access to clean water, high rates of chronic illnesses in comparison to the rest of the population, food insecurity, land struggles etc..)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some research projects are winding down, and new applications in the works; finished masters program, and has applied to a PhD program <p>Suzanne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wendy is a success story of the ON-NEIHR funding; her work is spiritually driven work reaching international waters • As part of the KT & Policy theme group she is focusing on the evaluation for the NEIHR • The team is reaching out to members from the network to conduct interviews about how their experience has been working with the NEIHR and requesting for members to complete an online survey as part of the evaluation 	
<p>4. Spiritual Closing- Clay</p>		