



**Ontario NEIHR Theme Leaders/Elders
MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday July 15th, 2020

Time: 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Suzanne, Jeffrey, Rod, Pauline, Luana, Clay, Wendy

Absent: Holly

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ ACTION
Clay Spiritual opening Individual Check ins		
2. Group Updates	<p>Suzanne – We are organized to have 4 groups/4 Elders – 6 themes. The first 2 themes are crosscutting themes. These themes came from discussions, meeting & survey.</p> <p>Theme Leaders and Knowledge Users;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Land-based group – Rod - Wendy 2) Trauma and Addictions – Holly - Luana 3) Indigenous Suicide – Jeffrey - Clay 4) Knowledge Translation – Suzanne – Pauline <p>**Knowledge users can join more than 1 theme group.</p>	

	<p>Spoke to almost everybody on the phone involved in this grant.</p> <p>The theme groups are about getting articles together to publish, and other knowledge translation/knowledge reuptake activities. Collaboration on research and knowledge exchange. Jeffrey suggested that each group publish 2 articles per year led by the theme leaders. Meet with group once a month and report back to the larger research team.</p> <p>Jeffrey – Roles - Co-Applicants, Collaborators. Should also include affiliates within each group (affiliates of the project). May not come to all the meetings but want to be involved with the research. Team leads should take initiative to invite these people. Get their info on the websites. Each group to get the people who they need.</p> <p>Jeffery – Interested in working with Pat Dudgeon – Indigenous psychology – family stories.</p> <p>Clay – People of the rainforest. Build bridges between the Eagle and Condor. Look at the medicines down there.</p> <p>Jeffrey – Working with Pat doing a Lancet article on Indigenous suicide prevention – this winter. Thinking about doing a special issue on contributions on suicide prevention around the world – the next 12 months. Good overlap with the land-based work – a lot of shared projects. These themes all do connect.</p> <p>Rod – Would like to hear what others of the group want to do. Research to find out what’s out there-not much written on land-based healing centers – even though there is a lot going on. Research on who’s doing land-based healing. Evaluation on his course “Healing from the Land”</p>	<p>Suzanne - Great idea. No cash. In kind support.</p> <p>Rod – Would like to connect with Pat.</p> <p>Suzanne – Great idea. Demonstrating our connection with Indigenous & academic community, Indigenous researchers outside of the grant.</p>
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Using local Elders and Knowledge Users;

Day 1 - Trees and Forests

Day 2 – Rivers

Day 3 – Lakes

Day 4 – Plants and Earth

Day 5 – Mountains

-United Nations Food and Agricultural Organization – wants their university to do some research around food and Indigenous women’s health. People are interested in this course.

Suzanne – Could be a tool that is shared with everyone. Something you created. Indigenous Evaluation for Indigenous courses.

Rod – Refused to teach this course online.

Wendy – Thirteen years’ experience on land-based courses through Trent University. Delivering land-based courses. Created culturally based framework for the course-spend time with faculty to get it through. Interested in the mental health component. Spiritual awaking occurs, healing, building community. Told students that the only way for the course to be delivered is based on the evaluation.

Talking to Queen’s to see if one of the faculty wanted to develop one undergraduate course and a graduate course in land-based education. Much of the land-based courses are not documented. Lots of Elder’s do not like things recorded, an ethical issue. Different Elder’s going to have different opinions on what they are willing to be evaluated on.

- Two articles a year is tangible.
- Meeting to be more interactive – knowledge sharing, teachings etc- Help the different groups – resources
- For our group a monthly circle – discuss with group

	<p>Jeffrey – The articles will be used as a measuring stick by CIHR to re-fund us. Liaise with some of the other mental health groups in Canada.</p> <p>Suzanne – Would be good to liaise with Lawrence. Respected him as a researcher. Supports Native scholars, but also support the old boys club of native psychology. Made their careers on our problems. Have been involved with them – taught every summer and taught every year – Indigenous Institute. He supported people like me, Carolyn Tait, and Amy Bombay. I think he would be thrilled if we contacted him.</p> <p>Jeffrey – Had conversation with Karlee about the CPA and there are only 1 or 2 Indigenous psychologists that still attend. Karlee is interested in forming a Canadian based Indigenous Psycho-therapist mental health professional group that would be stand alone.</p> <p>As a research community this NEIHR would be a natural place for helping support the formation of those types of association or network.</p> <p>Rod – Tom Wong – He may support with Indigenous services. He is the chief medical officer</p> <p>Suzanne – Will send email with notes of this meeting and will send a separate email to each theme group identifying who the co-leads are. Many people still have to select a group.</p> <p>Roy and Suzanne will make a list of the things we talked about here that we think could be proposed activities.</p> <p>The only activity that is mandatory is the publishing of 2 articles a year. Like Rod said, if we do that than we can ensure continued funding throughout.</p> <p>Clay – Recommended: Researcher’s and Elder’s go off and get to know each other, meetings etc...</p>	<p>Suzanne - People will be told at the next large group meeting on July 28th that they need to join a group</p>
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	<p>Roy – What set date works best for everyone for these meetings?</p> <p>Clay - Closing</p> <p>**Meeting Dates: Every third Wednesday of the month 3-4pm.</p>	<p>Roy – Will set dates for all future monthly meetings for the next year.</p>
4. Spiritual Closing- Clay		