

## Ontario NEIHR Theme Leaders/Elders Meeting

3:00pm-4:00pm 17 February 2021 via zoom

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### Minutes

#### In attendance

Dr. Suzanne Stewart, Pauline Shirt, Clay Shirt, Luana Shirt, Dr. Rod McCormick, Roy Strebel, Adriana Gonzalas, Dr. Holly Graham, Wendy Phillips

#### Regrets

Dr. Jeffery Ansloos,

#### Opening Prayer

Elder Pauline Shirt

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ACTION
Spiritual opening- Pauline Shirt		
Individual Check ins		
2. Group Updates	<p>Holly - Our group is meeting and networking. A community in Sask. wants to do a wellness plan based on Cree spiritual laws. Want to develop a manual for their community. Had first seminar Jan 30-31. Alanaise and Luana and would be contributing in bits and pieces contributing as a group/as a whole. The greatest help for me is you guys listening and being there for support.</p> <p>Suzanne - You's are doing a lot in building relationships and getting things up and going. Let us know what more we can do to support you.</p> <p>Holly - Hire grad student to help with publications (2 per year). Can help with lit review or budgets. Look which journal to publish. Luana and I were working on one paper that we are framing and working on.</p>	

Suzanne - Possibly allocate funds to those theme groups who want to hire. Maybe hire doctoral students to help with publications. This would be feasible for student salaries. Each theme group got \$10,000 for the term for student hires, or maybe new computers. On a need basis.

Rod - Need more training for personal, eg. Research assistants. It is a legitimate expenditure under the NEIHR's.

Wendy - It's been busy and getting ready for the spring. Lots of ceremonies coming up, making sure we have the resources. Have a student that has been helping me. Focusing on our articles. Prioritize on some conferences. Looking forward to spring.

Rod - Our team has had email communication. Inviting new members to join original grant. Keep it in the mental health field? Join as part of our theme group.

Suzanne - That sounds fine. We can add members to our theme groups.

Rod - Knows someone who wants to do a post doc Indigenous equine therapy and Is non-Indigenous. If someone knows another equine therapist that works at the university - let me know.

Rod - Just finished our first knowledge makers international cohort online. With Canada, Australia, NZ, and the US, an undergrad research program. They have to publish their research ideas in a journal. They do get an honourarium of \$1000 once they have submitted their article. We may want to do a Knowledge Makers journal that is mental health themed in the future.

Pauline - Just got second dose of vaccination, felt sleepy all the time. Also has student helpers for the evaluation, don't want money, they are already getting paid. Would like to do a workshop with the ones who are going to be doing the work.

Suzanne - We have 2 publications we are working on Indigenous policy. One is a scoping review and we doing consultations with Indigenous orgs. What are the successful practices in creating effective policy change.

3. Concluding statements/n ext steps and Spiritual Closing- Elder Pauline Shirt		