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Ontario NEIHR Theme Leaders/Elders
MINUTES

Date: February 15, 2023

Time: 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Suzanne Stewart, Wendy Phillips, Roy Strebel, Pauline Shirt, Clay Shirt

Absent:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION /ACTION
Pauline Shirt Spiritual opening Individual Check ins		
2. Group Updates	<p>Wendy – I reached out to some of the committee members to see if they wanted to collaborate on anything. Waiting to hear back and I wanted to see if they were interested. Wanted to do some camps this year with different groups, maybe one on mental health. Supporting individuals and families, men only, women’s only and youth.</p> <p>Hoping to get an RA to help.</p> <p>Had another addiction death – crises support for the family.</p>	

Suzanne – Theme 6 will be having a policy forum in May with NWRCT and a policy forum with Native Child.

- We also working on a policy paper to publish,
- Have conference presentations coming up like NAISA, Healing our Spirit worldwide, in Vancouver in September.
- We have a conference presentation in Toronto called Emerging Adulthood, and we are hosting a round dance in Allen Gardens in May to release the report on Indigenous Women in mental health.
- Same day as The National Day of Awareness of Violence against Women on May 5th.
- Working on a graphic novel

Pauline – Spring Gathering wanted to put in Anishinaabe or Cree? Ceremonies are coming up and lots of work to do.

Suzanne – See everyone at our gathering in June (27-29).

4. Spiritual Closing- Wendy Phillips		

