



**Ontario NEIHR Theme Leaders/Elders
MINUTES**

Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Time: 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

In attendance

Suzanne Stewart, Jeffery Ansloos, Holly Graham, Rod McCormick, Pauline Shirt, Clay Shirt, Luana Shirt, Wendy Phillips, Roy Strelbel, Devon Bowyer

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ ACTION
Clay - Spiritual opening Individual Check ins		
2. Group Updates	<p>Suzanne –Knowledge translation and Policy theme group (Suzanne & Pauline) – talked about the webinars – The webinars are booked for the next 12 months – from within our research group. Having policy meetings/forums – form a policy town hall – policy makers in Ontario and nationally in January.</p> <p>Holly (chat) – Will the publications covered by the grant?</p>	

Suzanne – Absolutely

Jeffrey – Limitations with Indigenous Health research is an absence of published work by Indigenous people within the context of the greatest uptake of research knowledge. Setting baseline expectations

Rod – In the proposal it says the first two years are focussed on strengthening the partnership, governance through frequent meetings with partners all years focussed on data collection. Year 5 on knowledge transmission and dissemination. Just pointing that out

Jeffrey – If we are talking about specific outcomes of specific research projects that's a clear framework of reporting. In the context of what we're navigating is much broader than one particular project.

- Developing processes during the 4 years that can be informative. Can relay useful health information. Minimum number of deliverables.
- Set up a context of shared learning that editorial in nature, where there was once a gap.
- What is missing is the presence of Indigenous scholars. Could be set as a goal without adding more work, are done in ways that are collaborative and rapid.

Holly – We could do publications with each other in other themes. Expertise of Indigenous psychologists, so few in academia, some of these publications, could get 4-5 a year if following Jeffrey's format.

Rod – Look at this creatively. Journal publication unless solicited is 1 – 3 year turnaround. Need to look at publication more broadly.

Holly – Luana had great idea about the teachings. Our role with the teachings is to connect all nations to spirituality, part of wellness. Brenda was supportive.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Using culture to address trauma. Women participating in ceremony and their relationship to wellness and spirituality. Prob be first paper our group will work on. Like Jeffrey's outline on the 2 papers we did.● Our theme is Healing from trauma and Reducing addictions. As psychologist's we could come together from different themes and talk about experience of our practices. I would take the lead putting that together. A narrative based on experiences.● Do not have a budget yet so hard to allocated to each theme. Will talk about projects next meeting, maybe interviewing clinical expertise and knowledge keepers of what works -inexpensive. <p>Luana – Heaviness of addictions healing & trauma – generational trauma.</p> <p>Jeffrey – This October submitting a report to Lancet on suicide prevention. Covers Indigenous perspectives in suicide prevention from across the world, mainly circumpolar regions. Going to commission October 7th. Convene a special issue in the high impact journal on Indigenous suicide prevention. Random journal articles around the world in each region about Indigenous suicide. Convene a group of Indigenous folks a special issue that gives a deeper perspective around issues of practice, ethics, theory.</p> <p>Rod – Had a good meeting about Land-based healing vs place-based healing. Talking about ceremony. Six people present.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● How to add more people to the group, Michael Hart interested in joining group.● Can we just open it up to anybody?● Maile – How would she be involved internationally? Second part of them is planetary solutions.● Solutions from other counties and how they can apply to Canada.● Angela has many projects that come under this theme – Do we put our names on her publications?	<p>What is the budget for each them?</p> <p>Rod will email further questions to Suzanne</p>
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	<p>Roy – Discuss the Virtual fall gathering</p> <p>Rod – Mentorships network had 3 day Virtual conference – lot’s of logistics Who has been invited? Have to generate interest and have a program before people commit.</p> <p>Devon – Each theme would lead a day for an hour, IMN student panel for the last bit – theme leads moderator. We thought an all-day zoom session would be too long – over 4 days would be easier.</p> <p>Jeffrey – What are the outputs at this exchange we are trying to produce?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Is it just convening interested parties in conversation about the NEIHR? ● The outputs should be linked to some activity or goal of the NEIHRS. ● It is too days. It is too long. ● Pedagogy online multiple hours is risky in terms of keeping people engaged. Should be less days, less time. Don’t want to create a negative experience. ● Conferences should have a working goal to produce something, eg. Breakout working groups that produce recommendations or a group that shares their practices that they have learned collectively. Something tangible comes out of gathering. <p>Outcomes such as recommendations or publications. (eg. This conference produced this....) Connecting output make the time investment a little more useful.</p> <p>Pauline - Should have some in the morning when the mind is alive. Why did we choose the pm time? Agrees Gathering is too long. Naming ceremony – need to bring the spirit forward, she is waiting.</p>	<p>Concerned about the naming ceremony</p>
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	<p>Rob – Possibly have the gathering 2 days and a virtual ceremony? Two things per day?</p> <p>Roy – The third Wednesday of the month works best for everyone</p> <p>Clay- Closing</p> <p>**Meeting Dates: Every third Wednesday of the month 3-4pm.</p>	<p>Roy will set recurring Zoom meeting dates</p>
<p>4. Spiritual Closing- Elder Pauline</p>		