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Ontario NEIHR Theme Leaders/Elders
 MINUTES

Date: April 19, 2023
Time: 3:00pm to 5:00pm
Location: Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Wendy, Roy, Pauline, Clay, Luana
Absent:

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION /ACTION
Pauline Spiritual opening Individual Check ins		
2. Group Updates	<p>Pauline – Getting ready for the spring gatherings and ceremonies. Have so many meetings.</p> <p>Luana – Very busy in Orillia because it is planting season. Been working with the universities and colleges in person and online. Working almost full time with anti-human trafficking. Asked to sit on a steering committee for the Metropolitan University to coordinate a graduate program.</p> <p>Our subcommittee we are still looking at working online.</p>	

Roy – We have a couple of Australian groups coming in. Dr. Whitinui will be coming in May 9-13th, everyone should have received the event poster, this is an in-person event at the Teaching Lodge at 20 Willcocks street. If anyone wants to attend please complete the registration form, so we make sure we have enough food for everyone.

Two different Australian groups coming to visit soon, time TBD.

- Working on our quarterly newsletter
- Keeping up to date with our social media sites
- Working on reports
- Continuing with our monthly webinars

Wendy – In the middle of all our ceremonies right now. The excitement right now is it's the time for ceremonies, and the prep work, planning and organizing involved and getting the gardens prepped.

Our group is a couple of us getting together. In my work I have some families that I am working with that are in need, and making sure we have the resources. People in grief, mental health issues and making sure we have enough councilors for people.

The work we do there is a high level of spiritual and ceremonial focus that we have to do and to also care the emotional and mental care needs of people.

Had a discussion last meeting with Rod about traditional healing and would we go in that direction. Lack of doctors and practitioners, if we as healers could step in and potentially help the medical system as well.

Have a discussion in the future about this.

Have some new research projects going on and figure out.

Roy – I have to check on the spring gather because I think the date has been changed.

Pauline – Was the fall gathering going to be in Vancouver or Alberta. One of

the ideas we had?

Roy – I think it has been changed., but I will confirm this. Could not meet with Francois.

4. Spiritual Closing- Pauline Shirt		
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