



**DRAFT - Record of Decision**  
**BC First Nations and Ministry of Health Joint Project Board on First Nations Health**  
**Meeting**

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm, September 3, 2015  
 Room 595, 1515 Blanshard St, Victoria and by teleconference

**Attendees:**

Co-Chairs:	Arlene Paton (Chair) and Richard Jock
MoH:	Dr. Shannon McDonald, Paul Shrimpton, Glynis Soper, Kevin Brown, Doug Hughes, Stephanie Power, Tara Nault, Nicole Ryan
FNHA:	John Mah, Avril Ullett, Michelle Degroot, Sonia Isaac-Mann; by Phone: Joseph Mendez, Jackie Bohez
Regrets:	Evan Adams, Harmony Johnson, Tally Bains, Greg Shea, Deborah Shera, Heather Davidson, Barbara Walman, Ted Patterson, Manjit Sidhu
Guests:	Lynn Stevenson (MoH), Megan Misovic, (MoH/FNHA); by Phone: Sony Perron (Health Canada), Nathalie Nepton (AANDC), Lisa Montgomery-Reid (FNHA)

**Review of Agenda**

- Dr. Shannon McDonald offered the opening prayer. The agenda was approved.

**For Approval: Tripartite Data Quality and Sharing Agreement (TDQSA) Renegotiation Options**

- The TDQSA expired in April 2014 but had an automatic one year extension clause. A project team has been reviewing options for a new agreement.
- The recommendation is that the TDQSA and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between AANDC and the MOH be extended for a period of three years. During this three year period, the project team would be tasked with working on the longer term preferred option that would enable the FNHA to have custodianship of the FNCF.
- Members of the project steering committee supported the recommendation. It was noted that the work in BC has been very successful. There are legislative and privacy issues in the recommended long term option and these will take time to work through. The MoH and FNHA will need to engage the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner in the work going forward.
- N. Nepton and Jocelyn VanderMeulen were confirmed as the AANDC representatives for the project team.
- **Decision:** The TDQSA and MOU between AANDC and the MOH to be extended for a period of three years as per the draft agreement amendment presented in the meeting package.
- **Action:** M. Misovic to update the names on the draft agreement amendment so they are in line with recent changes at MoH, and will review the AANDC MOU to ensure it will continue to be in effect.

**For Information: Strategic Overview**

- L. Stevenson provided an overview of the very recent MoH reorganization. L. Kislock has moved to Ministry of Transportation; D. Shera replaces her as IM/IT division ADM. T. Collins to head a new Division called Health Sector Information, Analysis and Reporting. H. Davidson will focus on the academic portfolio. D. Godfrey will lead the Strategic Management and Organizational Development unit.

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- L. Stevenson provided an update on policy work of the Ministry. Feedback on the policy papers was received in the document "We asked, you responded". The consensus was that the current system is not sustainable. The focus over the next 18 months will be on implementation. Primary and community care (including residential care) is the most challenging area. Focussing on the aging population and preventing them from going into care. Other policy papers are: surgical, human resources, mental health and substance use, and IM/IT.
- The idea of hardwiring First Nations into this work is front and centre.
- The Standing Committees will monitor the Health Authority operational plans, which include the Aboriginal population down to the Local Health Area level. J. Gallagher's membership on Leadership Council helps in this, as does FNHA's membership on the MoH Standing Committees. We will have the rural lens on all of the work, not a separate plan over to the side. MoH will continue to engage with the Board of the FNHA as it does with the other HA Boards.
- D. Hughes met with FNHA Regional Directors about the mental health policy paper. There will be a full day consultation session the first week of October to review a new system of care model. If you need to have a navigator to access the system, the system is too complicated and needs to change.
- R. Jock gave an overview of the FNHA organizational changes. J. Bohez, new VP of HR, has been engaged on the human resources policy paper. Kurt Walker is in the new CAO position. Sonia Isaac-Mann, new Executive Director, will be engaged on community facing team and mental wellness. Evan's Chief Medical Officer's within each region. Welcome to Dr. McDonald as Chief Medical Officer for the Island Region.
- FNHA is undertaking regional health surveys, very detailed for all communities in three regions. It will be a rich source of data and provide baseline data for future work.
- FNHA's priority for this year is to detach from the federal system for Health Benefits, and reviewing upstream programs.
- FNHA has a similar concept to "patient-centred" but it is called "customer-owner". FNHA is having explicit conversations with all HAs regarding hardwiring First Nations health into the work.

### Quarterly Review of JPB Work Plan

#### **IM/IT and eHealth**

- FNHA participates on the new MoH Standing Committee on IM/IT which replaced the CIO council.
- Telehealth - 45 communities and more than 2,000 clinicians who are part of delivery service to communities.
- Panorama – over 30 organizations/communities are using Panorama Immunization Module. Seeking wave 2 funding (only funded up to end of fiscal year currently)
- Connectivity - Promotional material coming out soon.
- EMR – reviewing how the EMR can be linked to the patient record.

#### **Health Benefits**

- Steering Committee meets monthly and has been helpful to provide overall direction.
- ISA developed and signed. FNHA has provided data to MoH for analysis.
- FNHA internal project review will help to gain more traction on the work.
- Great deal of work required on technical requirements and change management to First Nation clients for accessing medications and the BC Services Card.



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- July 2017 deadline to get off the federal system. Drug formulary match complete; now looking at the financial implications between the plans. Expect this analysis from mid-September/early October.
- Policy alignment (how to enroll clients) will be a key piece of work.
- **Action:** For October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, Health Benefits Identity Registration discussion and prioritization (S. Power and T. Smith).

**Comment [RNH1]:** Stephanie – can you please clarify? Not sure I captured this correctly

### Health Sector Planning and Innovation

- Focus on coordination of strategic plan and the policy papers.
- New standing committee on Performance Measurement Analytics and Evaluation, with FNHA representation. Teri Collins will be the new co-chair.
- Monthly teleconferences ensure planning activities of MoH are understood by FNHA.
- Health Authorities have developed their detailed operational and budget plans. The FNHA/MoH Letter of Mutual Accountability to be discussed next week.
- **Action:** review JPB work plan to reflect organizational updates. Arlene to brief Deb Godfrey as she now has the planning piece.

### PPH

- Focus on wellness promotion (AlcoholSense, healthy eating strategy, senior falls prevention); Oral Health strategy implementation and suicide prevention.
- The Physical Activity Strategy was approved by the Minister. A work plan to guide implementation is in development, and will outline opportunities for FNHA to participate as a full partner in implementation of the actions within the First Nations and Aboriginal Peoples area of focus.
- Public health surveillance through the First Nations Client File to support rural health planning, and the renegotiation options for the Tripartite Data Quality Sharing Agreement.
- **Action:** Include Oral Health on a future JPB Agenda – J. Mah to be listed as one of those responsible.

### Health Services

- Dr. E. Adams is a member of the Health Services and Population Health Standing Committee and GPSC.
- FNHA has completed a review of nursing programs; home care review to come.
- The Minister Mandate letter to MoH included a requirement to renew *Healthy Minds Healthy People*. Also, MCFD was asked to complete a tri-ministry review of the system of care for child mental health (14-24 years) (MoH and MoE). Report back to cabinet in spring.
- FNHA has completed a review of their treatment programs (NAADAP). Linkage to 500 bed issues. Ongoing meetings with referral agencies and HA's. Meetings with each region over the next 6 months. MoH is reviewing tertiary care.
- Rural Remote Health – in process of updating the materials. There is a rural component to each of the MoH priorities.

### Health Human Resources

- FNHA is a full partner at the Standing Committee on Health Workforce mandated to establish provincial Health Workforce policy and planning as well as accountability for implementation of actions derived from the HHR, Rural Health, Surgical and Integrated Primary and Community Care discussion papers.

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- MOH, in partnership with FNHA and regional health authorities, to review the Aboriginal Employment Program at Island Health to evaluate effectiveness and potential for adaptability provincially in order to achieve a more representative workforce
- **Action:** The draft Terms of Reference for Integrated Primacy Care Access working group to be revised based on feedback from the planning meeting.
- **Action:** explore how to simplify and encourage staff exchanges between organizations as one option for knowledge exchange. Arlene will add this to discussion with D. Godfrey and add this to T. Patterson or D. Godfrey's section of the JPB work plan.
- Corporate Services and Co-chairs commitments are on track.

### Discussion

- The PharmaCare drug issue was identified as a key priority for the coming year.

### Primary Care Projects Update

#### **For Approval: Interior Health Projects**

- L. Montgomery-Reid provided an overview of three new projects: Nlaka'pamux (Nick-Kluck-mix) Child and Youth Mental Health Worker; Syilx – Health Care Advocates; and the Ktunaxa – Dietician.
- **Action:** Ensure pay scales for positions are aligned with HA positions. Request position title change from Health Care Advocate to Health Care Liaison or Navigator.
- **Decision:** The projects were approved.
- **Northern St'at'imc (Budget Increase)**
- A. Ullett provided the overview of the requested budget increase.
- **Decision:** The requested \$10,000 budget increase was approved for Northern St'at'imc.

### Approval of July 21, 2015 Record of Decision

- **Decision:** The July 21, 2015 Record of Decisions was adopted by consensus.

### First Nations Data (First Nations Client File)

- M. Misovic and S. McDonald presented on the First Nations Client File work.
- **Action:** Bring L. Femchuk Favel's analysis on Interior Health expenditures to a future JPB meeting.
- **Action:** A presentation on FNHA's regional summaries to be added to a future JPB agenda.
- **Decision:** the Data and Information Planning Committee will report to JPB.

### Closing:

- Next JPB meeting – October 13, 2015, Vancouver.



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**Decisions / Action Item Summary**

	Decision/Action Item	Responsibility / Timeline	Status
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2.	<b>Action:</b> For October 13 <sup>th</sup> meeting Health Benefits Identity Registration discussion and prioritization	S. Power and T. Smith	
3.	<b>Action:</b> Review JPB work plan to reflect organizational updates. Arlene to brief Deb Godfrey as she now has the planning piece.	A. Paton	
4.	<b>Action:</b> Include Oral Health on a future JPB Agenda – J. Mah to be listed as one of those responsible.	Secretariat	
5.	<b>Action:</b> The draft Terms of Reference for Integrated Primacy Care Access working group to be revised based on feedback from the planning meeting. <b>Action:</b> explore how to do staff exchanges between organizations for knowledge exchange. Arlene will add this to discussion with D. Godfrey and add this to T. Patterson or D. Godfrey's section of the JPB work plan.	Arlene Paton  Ted Patterson/Deb Godfrey  Secretariat	
6.	<b>Action:</b> Ensure pay scales for positions are aligned with HA positions. Request position title change from Health Care Advocate to Health Care Liaison or Navigator. <b>Decision:</b> the projects were approved: Nlaka'pamux (Nick-Kluck-mix) Child and Youth Mental Health Worker; Syilx – Health Care Advocates; and the Ktunaxa – Dietician.	Secretariat	<a href="#">Pay Scales reviewed?</a> Requested position title change, but the Interior Nations feel it is the best title for their people. A. Paton and D. Hughes approved leaving name as is. <a href="#">Funding letters in progress?</a>
7.	<b>Decision:</b> The requested \$10,000 budget increase was approved for Northern St'at'imc.	<a href="#">Secretariat</a>	<a href="#">Status of any action required?</a>
8.	<b>Action:</b> Harmony to schedule one of the RDs to present on regional summaries for the next meeting.	Harmony Johnson	
9.	<b>Action:</b> Bring L. Femchuk Favel's analysis on Interior Health expenditures to a future JPB meeting. <b>Decision:</b> the Data and Information Planning Committee will report to JPB. Update TOR accordingly.	Secretariat	

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