

## Yellowknife Regional Wellness Council Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

**4:30 PM – 7:00PM**

**Location: Goga Cho 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Boardroom** (4916 47<sup>th</sup> Street)

**Teleconference:** 1 647 556 5305 | Code: 13371256#

**Video:** <https://my.telemerge.ca/meet/13371256>

**Mission:** Working with people to optimize wellbeing through the provision of collaborative and culturally appropriate health and social service

**Vision:** Healthy People, Healthy Families, Healthy Communities

**Values:** Collaboration Accountability Integrity Respect

**Cultural safety:** An outcome where Indigenous peoples feel safe and respected, free of racism and discrimination, when accessing health and social services.

**Acknowledgment of Land:** We acknowledge that we are in the Chief Drygeese territory.

From time immemorial, it has been the traditional land of the Yellowknives Dene First Nation, and more recently, the homeland of the North Slave Métis.

We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

**Members:**

Nancy Trotter, Chair

Brandie Miersch

Katey Davis

Elizabeth Liske

Gilbert Langsi

Gloria Enzoe

Nancy Cymbalisy

Marie Speakman

**Employees:**

Lorie-Anne Danielson

Cynthia Jewell

**Guests:**

Joanne Engram

Michael Kohle

Jenna Long

#	Item	Time	Responsibility
1.0	<b>Call to Order</b> Meeting called to order at 4:31	4:31	Chairperson
2.0	<b>Reflection/Prayer</b> Opening Prayer was led by Marie Speakman	4:32	Member
3.0	<b>Welcome &amp; Introductions</b> Elizabeth welcomed everyone to the meeting, including guests.		

	Introduction to guest speakers – Michael Kohle, Joanne Engram and Jenna Long		
	<b>3.1 Acknowledgement of traditional territory</b>	4:33	Chairperson
	<b>3.2 Safety Overview</b>	4:34	COO
4.0	Guest Speaker		
	<p><b>4.1 Colorectal Cancer Screening</b>  <b>Guest Speakers: Jenna Long, Territorial Manager, Cancer Care</b>  <b>Michael Kohle, Territorial Specialist, Cancer Care</b>  <b>Joanne Engram, Director Health Services</b></p> <p>Focus of Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screening for Colorectal Cancer – FIT test</li> <li>• Cancer Care NWT</li> </ul> <p>Government funding breast cancer screening, colorectal cancer screening and cervical cancer screening as core programs. 2 of the 3 screenings are core funded. Hoping with cervical cancer screening move into a partnership with Canadian Partners against cancer to establish the program in the Northwest Territories first and then ask for core funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has been piloted and sent to other regions</li> <li>• 60% is the national Target</li> <li>• 800 FIT tests sent across the territory.</li> <li>• Screening rates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yellowknife – 12%</li> <li>○ Lutsel K'e 9.7%</li> <li>○ Fort Resolution 9%</li> <li>○ Dettah 7.7%</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Ask for preventative cancer screening</li> <li>• Jan 2020 Beaufort Delta roll out. June 2021 Hay River Roll out – 9 months of data available</li> <li>• 16.5% participation rate. 5-8% positivity rate. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Positive FIT test means blood found in stool</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Q: What does eligible mean?  A: 50 to 74 year old's with no symptoms and not high risk</p> <p>Q: Why is screening important?  A? To decrease cancer deaths.</p> <p>Q: Will clients have an escort when they go for further tests?  A: Anyone traveling for cancer care is able to have an escort.</p>	4:35	Michael Kohle Joanne Engram

	<p>Q: Does the letter notifying the person of their results go out only in English? A: The letter is only in English and French.</p> <p>Q: For those who don't speak English will they go to appointments with a translator? A: If there is contact with a client that doesn't speak English, we contact the health centre. We currently use what is provided by the GNWT translation services.</p> <p>Q: Have the posters been sent out in other languages? Can the phone number of the health centers be added? A: Yes, the posters are in almost all of the 11 indigenous languages. We will see if the health centre phone numbers can be added.</p> <p>Q: Will a second test be offered if the first test is negative? A: 2 years after testing negative another FIT test will be sent.</p> <p>Q: Will people who are not in the age range be denied? A: Not denied but they are not appropriate for this program.</p> <p>Q: Why is there an age limit? A: This is an OCPHO guideline. They are following a National standard.</p> <p>We would like to come back in the fall to give an update.</p>		
5.0	Agenda and Minutes		
	<p>5.1 Previous Meeting Minutes – Review and Approval No errors or omissions <b>Motion: Nancy Cymbalisky</b> <b>Second: Brandie Miersch</b> <b>All in Favor: Approved.</b></p>	5:47	Chairperson
	<p>5.2 Approval of Agenda <b>Motion: Brandie Miersch</b> <b>Second: Nancy Cymbalisky</b> <b>All in Favor: Approved.</b></p>		
	<p>5.3 Declaration of Conflict of Interest</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No conflicts were declared</li> </ul>		
6.0	<b>Business Arising</b>		

	<p><b>6.1 Covid Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Yellowknife and Hay River have seen a spike in wastewater COVID testing results. At the testing centre: 108 tested – 36 positives, Lutsel’ke: 2 remaining COVID positive, and zero cases in Ft. Resolution. Still recommend people isolate for 5 days if they test positive.</li> <li>Remove covid update as standing item. COO will provide future updates in her report.</li> <li>Note: Even though Health is not tracking cases, the Chief and Council in both Lutsel’ke and Fort Resolution asked members of the community to report their positive covid test to Band office.</li> </ul>		
	<p><b>6.2 RWC Activity Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move Dr. Courtney Howard to Fall 22/23</li> </ul>	5:45	Chairperson
	<p><b>6.3 Review Action Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Created new outbreak team for syphilis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase in cases</li> <li>1 or 2 cases a week</li> <li>Future reporting will be done in COO report</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		COO
7.0	<p><b>Chairperson Report</b> See report attached.</p>	5:50	Chairperson
8.0	<p><b>COO Report</b> See report attached.</p> <p>Q: For same day appointments are there a certain number of appointments? A: Yes.</p> <p>Q: Is suicide prevention workshops provided to all communities? A: Yes, our mental health team will provide the wellness workshops upon request.</p> <p>Q: Is foot care coming back in home care? Why is it taking so long to restart? A: Yes, it should be back in June. All our home care clients have received foot care and we are starting to see out patients next week. We have seen an increase in palliative patients and this has taken up a bit more of the nurses time than anticipated.</p> <p>Q: For the No shows campaign will we be looking to reach a wider audience? A: Plan is to do a public campaign across the NWT.</p>	6:05	COO

9.0	<b>Roundtable Updates - Community activities, questions, and concerns</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gilbert met with Karen about immigrants in Yellowknife and is happy that they presented at the last meeting.</li> <li>• Met new group in process of looking for coordinators for Cancer Journey for Inuit Women.</li> <li>• Suggest inviting Georgina Veldorst back</li> <li>• YKDFN update – CHR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Hoping to give an update next month.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Another vaccine clinic in N'Dilo and Dettah ran smoothly.</li> <li>• Last YKDFN Chief and Council meeting Wellness came and spoke about mental health and addictions. This is a concern in the community</li> </ul>	6:45	Chairperson
10.0	<b>RWC Report to Leadership Council - Items to take forward to the Leadership Council</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring items for next meeting.</li> </ul>	6:57	Chairperson
11.0	<b>New Business</b>		
12.0	<b>Closing Reflections / Prayer</b> Closing prayer was led by Gilbert Langsi	6:59	TBD
13.0	<b>Motion to Adjourn</b> <b>Motion: Nancy Cymbalisky</b> <b>Second: Gilbert Langsi</b> <b>All in Favor: Approved.</b>	7:00	Chairperson

Next Meeting –May 25, 2022

	<b>ACTION ITEMS</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>ASSIGNED</b>	<b>DUE</b>	<b>Completed</b>
1.	Update on Syphilis Outbreak campaign <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	COO	LA	April	April 2022