

**Regional Wellness Council (RWC) – Sahtu Region
Meeting MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 | 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Edward G. Hodgson Building, Norman Wells, NT

March 27, 2019		
#	Item	Notes
1.0	Call to Order by Chair.	7:04pm
2.0	Reflection/Prayer	
	Prayer led by Gina Dolphus.	
3.0	Attendance	
	<p><u>Attendees:</u> Gina Dolphus – RWC Chair Sandy Whiteman – RWC Member Andrea Modeste – RWC Member (via teleconference) Brenda T’Seleie Pierrot – RWC Member Irene Kodakin – RWC Member Alphonsine McNeely – RWC Member Mireille Hamlyn – Chief Operating Officer (COO), NTHSSA – Sahtu Region Sharlene Rankin – Executive Assistant to COO (Recorder) Marty-Ann Bayha, Community Member (Presenter)</p> <p><u>Regrets:</u> Theresa Etchinelle – RWC Member Fraser Lennie – Associate COO, NTHSSA – Sahtu Region</p>	
4.0	Approval of Agenda	Action
	<p>Andrea Modeste joined the meeting at 7:07pm.</p> <p><i>The Council moves to approve the Agenda for March 27, 2019 as presented:</i></p> <p>Motion #27-19 Moved by: Alphonsine McNeely Seconded by: Brenda T’Seleie Pierrot All in Favour. Motion Carried.</p>	
9.0	Other Business	Action
	<p>Presentation by community member:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Proposal for full-time Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) located in Norman Wells to service the Sahtu Region. ▪ Discussion of the challenges in obtaining support for a young child with hearing loss and the importance of that support during early developmental stages (ages 0-6). ▪ Discussion of lack of access to SLP and audiologist (once or twice a year), waitlists and staffing vacancies. Existing staff are overworked with little or no time to visit other communities in the Sahtu. Noted lack of training and work plans for teachers 	

	<p>to adequately support children.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sought external funding through Education Culture and Employment and Jordan’s Principle in order to receive support. ▪ Access to an SLP would benefit many children in the Sahtu including those with other disabilities, autism, and fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD). ▪ Request for support of RWC to bring this issue forward to the Minister of Health and Social Services. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COO reviewed recruitment processes underway in Inuvik and an ongoing territorial review of rehabilitation services, including speech language pathology. <p>Marty-Ann Bayha left the meeting at 7:37pm.</p>	<p>COO to bring forward request for support for an SLP in the Sahtu Region to CEO and Executive. RWC Chair to bring forward to the Leadership Council and Minister.</p>
5.0	Previous Meeting Minutes – Review, Approval, and Business Arising	Action
	<p><i>The Council moves to approve the Minutes from August 28, 2018 as presented:</i></p> <p>Motion #28-19 Moved by: Sandy Whiteman Seconded by: Alphonsine McNeely All in Favour. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Elders in Residence Report was circulated to RWC on November 19, 2019. ▪ COO to provide update regarding Community Physician Model during COO Regional Updates. ▪ COO noted that Supportive Pathways training has been implemented in Long Term Care. Two transitional care beds have not yet been operationalized. These will function as a “step-down” unit offering support to patients, e.g. following surgery at Stanton Territorial Hospital. ▪ Community members are recommended to contact the COO directly to address any concerns via phone or email. <p><i>The Council moves to approve the Minutes from November 12, 2018 as presented:</i></p> <p>Motion #29-19 Moved by: Irene Kodakin Seconded by: Brenda T’Seleie Pierrot All in Favour. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion of Child and Family Services and legislative requirement to notify the Band in cases of child apprehension. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discussion of Child and Youth Care Counsellors (CYCC). Four fulltime counsellor positions in Sahtu Region, and one supervisor position, are currently posted for September 2019 start date. ▪ RWC noted need for marijuana education for youth and parents in region. <p><i>The Council moves to approve the Minutes from November 13, 2018 as presented:</i> Motion #30-19 Moved by: Irene Kodakin Seconded by: Alphonsine McNeely All in Favour. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ RWC noted that the territorial Home Care Review consultations should have taken place over a longer time period. ▪ Frontline staff, community members and RWC had the opportunity to participate in consultation sessions. Local leadership was also encouraged to attend in person sessions and a teleconference. Written feedback still welcome. ▪ Review of Nuka System of Care which is similar to Sahtu Esther Story of relationship-based care. ▪ COO provided an update regarding foster care, adoptions, related staffing positions and parenting courses offered in fall 2018. <p><i>The Council moves to approve the Minutes from January 21, 2019 as presented:</i> Motion #31-19 Moved by: Sandy Whiteman Seconded by: Alphonsine McNeely All in Favour. Motion Carried.</p>	<p>Executive Assistant to recirculate information regarding the Nuka System of Care and Aboriginal Health Consortium.</p>
6.0	Action Items Review	Action
	<p>Please refer to the Action List provided with the Agenda.</p> <p><u>Item 1</u> – Ongoing. Standing item. <u>Item 2</u> – Ongoing. Standing item. <u>Item 3</u> – Minister to provide update at tomorrow’s meeting. <u>Item 4 and 5</u> – Senior Advisor Governance hired to liaise and support Leadership Council and Regional Wellness Councils (e.g. additional training). <u>Item 6</u> – Ongoing. <u>Item 7</u> – Ongoing. RWC Chair to follow-up with Grand Chief, Sahtu Dene Council. <u>Item 8</u> – Complete. <u>Item 9</u> – Complete. <u>Item 10</u> – Complete.</p>	<p>RWC Chair recommends a meeting in which all Regional Wellness Council members come together again to allow for collaboration and information sharing. COO to follow-up at Executive.</p>

	<p><u>Item 11</u> – Complete. <u>Item 12</u> – Complete. <u>Item 13</u> – RWC provided with wellness activities list within meeting package (third and fourth quarter activities).</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COO provided a brief update regarding two cases of measles in Inuvik and immunization rates. ▪ RWC requested more information in Slavey on the local radio stations. ▪ COO provided information regarding pre-treatment processes and preparation for those clients seeking addictions support. <p><u>Item 14</u> – NTHSSA-Sahtu Region has received permit from Environment and National Resources (ENR) to allow for country foods to be served in the Sahtú Dene Nechá Kó Long Term Care Facility. Staff are working with Dietitian in developing menu.</p> <p><u>Item 15</u> – Complete. <u>Item 16</u> – Issue of paid escorts to be reviewed with Minister at tomorrow’s meeting. Considerations: extended leave of two weeks to support cancer patients, and the hardship it causes families who take time off of work and are away from children. Low per diem rate does not reflect high cost of food in the NWT. <u>Item 17</u> – Complete. Foster Care information and rates can be obtained from any Community Social Services Worker (CSSW). <u>Item 18</u> – Complete. RWC Chair to follow-up with Dene National Chief for more information. <u>Item 19</u> – RWC Chair to discuss funding for Vice Chair training with Minister at tomorrow’s meeting. <u>Item 20</u> – Complete. <u>Item 21</u> – Ongoing. RWC Chair to review with Minister at tomorrow’s meeting.</p>	<p>RWC Members to raise following issues with Minister at tomorrow’s meeting: Paid escorts, Vice Chair funding, information regarding the Indigenous Knowledge Holders Advisory Group.</p> <p>COO to provide Foster Care Rate information to RWC.</p>
7.0	Projects and Priorities	Action
	<p>Please refer to attached chart.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COO provided an overview of NTHSSA and Department of Health and Social Services activities which support and improve outcomes under each regional priority. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council members appreciated reviewing the system priority themes as identified territorially by all RWCs and the linkages within the current NTHSSA operational plan. ▪ COO reviewed recent hiring of youths within NTHSSA-Sahtu Region: Long Term Care Clerk, Long Term Care Activities Aide (Summer Student), and Family Preservation Worker (in process). ▪ COO provided updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Community Social Services Worker staffing updates. 	<p>Executive Assistant to resend Elders in Residence Report to RWC.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sahtúgot'ıne Nats'ejú Initiative in Deline. ▪ Family violence prevention. ▪ Long Term Care resident admissions, dementia care, accreditation and territorial support for this new program area in the region. ▪ RWC member in Norman Wells brought forward concerns and frustration regarding afterhours access to the facility to visit residents. 	
	Break: 9:10pm to 9:25pm	
8.0	New Tulita Health and Social Services Centre	Action
	<p>Please refer to handout with meeting package.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ COO provided overview of Request for Proposal process for Tulita's new Health and Social Services Centre. ▪ Infrastructure Development team is consulting with the Hamlet, RWC and community members to obtain feedback regarding the project, and to ensure that the new building suits the needs of the community, is culturally sensitive and respectful. ▪ This consultation is an important step to ensure that structural/design requirements are added at this point in the process (e.g. tipi shaped waiting room). ▪ RWC noted safety concern regarding mitigating falling ice from the roof top in spring and importance of falls prevention in the design/selection of materials. 	
9.0	Other Business	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Continuance of agenda item 9.0 deferred to tomorrow's meeting. 	
10.0	Closing Reflections/Prayer	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Led by Alphonsine McNeely. Dedication to Melvin Blondin. 	
	Adjournment	Action
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Council moves to adjourn meeting. <i>Moved by Alphonsine McNeely.</i> 	
	Adjourned: 9:29pm	