

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

Thursday, June 6, 2019 | 10:30 am – 3:30 pm  
Colville Lake, NT

<b>March 27, 2019</b>		
<b>#</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>1.0</b>	Call to Order by Chair.	10:30 am
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Reflection/Prayer</b>	
	Prayer led by Gina Dolphus.	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Attendance</b>	
	<u>Attendees:</u>	Gina Dolphus – RWC Chair Theresa Etchinelle – RWC Member Andrea Modeste – RWC Member Alphonsine McNeely – RWC Member Mireille Hamlyn – Chief Operating Officer (COO), NTHSSA – Sahtu Region Bambi Duncan – Executive Assistant to COO (Recorder)
	<u>Community Members:</u>	Chief Wilbert Kochon – Behdzi Ahda First Nation Band Joseph Kochon – Behdzi Ahda First Nation Band Hyecinthe Kochon – Elder John Blancho - Elder Laura Tobac (Translator) Dora Kochon
	<u>Regrets:</u>	Sandy Whiteman – RWC Member Brenda T'Seleie Pierrot – RWC Member Irene Kodakin – RWC Member
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Approval of Agenda</b>	
	<i>The Council moves to approve the Agenda for June 6, 2019 as presented:</i>	
	<b>Motion #37-19</b> <b>Moved by: Alphonsine McNeely</b> <b>Seconded by: Andrea Modeste</b> <b>All in Favour. Motion Carried.</b>	

12.0	Other Business	Action
	<p>Due to flight patterns, <b>RWC Chair</b> spent extra time in Colville Lake prior to the meeting and spent significant time meeting with the Band and felt it necessary to allow Behdzi Ahda First Nation Band Chief, Band Manager and other community members speak.</p> <p>Chief of the Behdzi Ahda First Nation Wilbert Kochon and Joseph Kochon – Behdzi Ahda First Nation - Band Manager, expressed gratitude for having the RWC meeting in Colville Lake and giving them a forum to speak. The Chief and Band Manager expressed a number of concerns on behalf of the community:</p> <p><b>SERVICES &amp; FACILITIES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As a community they feel that because of their remote location and small population, that they are being overlooked when it comes to many services. However, feel that they have been reaching out good faith and want to collaborate but don't want, in their word, "colonization".</li> <li>• It was once again noted that with their high occurrences of alcoholism, accidents and/or events triggered by intoxication and suicide, the services they are receiving are inadequate. The current staffing model with no nurse and a doctor only one day a month (not even overnight), is NOT working. More consistency is absolutely key for them – clients don't want to participate if there is no relationship building.</li> <li>• They feel that education on Suicide Prevention and issues pertaining to alcoholism is not happening – how can we know the signs and help, or where to go for help?</li> <li>• They feel that there has been a difference in treatment between clients with blue NWT Resident cards and/or private insurance versus treaty status.</li> <li>• Facilities are inadequate and in dire need of upgrades.</li> </ul> <p><b>ELDER CARE</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elder care continues to be an issue. They feel they are not given a clear breakdown of the positions who do home visits and/or care as well as what services they should be providing.</li> </ul> <p><b>Discussion</b> The <b>COO</b> noted that the Band has a Contribution agreement for Elder's Home Care support in the amount of \$20,000. It is up to the Band how those funds are utilized.</p> <p><b>DENTAL PROVIDER</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• They expressed great concern with the dental services they receive. The current model does not seem to be working, the equipment always seems to be breaking down and</li> </ul>	<p><b>RWC CHAIR</b> to inform Leadership Council of the infrastructure needs in Colville Lake, as well as their requests regarding more Mental Health &amp; Addictions workers in the community.</p> <p><b>COO</b> will review visiting schedules for nursing, mental health and social services. Will work with the community to maximize visit until Leadership Council have time to review the request to increase nursing.</p> <p><b>COO</b> will contact the current contract to provide dental services in the region, Adams Dental Clinic out of Yellowknife, noting their dissatisfaction. However, she encouraged the Band to contact NIHB directly</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>have issue with the level of service provided by the current provider.</li> <li>They would like more clarity of how to express their dissatisfaction.</li> </ul> <p><b>MEDICAL TRAVEL/ESCORTS/MEDEVACS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medical travel and escort issues continue to be a great concern; particularly with those who accompany elders when they have to travel for medical. Due to wait times, flight patterns, accommodation, time away from families and work make the process extremely time consuming and impractical.</li> <li>They feel that Medevacs are very slow to respond and with the lack of services available here in the community, this is very concerning.</li> </ul>	and provided contact information.
	<b>BREAK 12:15 – 1:00 p</b>	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Action Items Review</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Please refer to the Action List provided with the Agenda.	
<b>7.0</b>	<b>Projects and Priorities</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Deferred to next meeting.	
<b>8.0</b>	<b>Chair Person’s Report</b>	<b>Action</b>
	RWC Chair touched briefly on the report; however, deferred to next meeting for when all council members can be present.	
<b>9.0</b>	<b>COO Regional Updates</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staffing Updates</li> </ul>	
<b>10.0</b>	<b>Mental Health and Addictions</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suicide, Alcohol and Drugs – Deferred to next meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>11.0</b>	<b>Dental Services</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-Insured Health Services Dental Contract - Deferred to next meeting</li> </ul>	
<b>12.0</b>	<b>RWC member Observations and Comments</b>	<b>Action</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Roundtable of feedback and information from each RWC member</li> </ul>	
<b>13.0</b>	<b>Closing Reflections / Prayer</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Closing prayer was led by Alphonsine McNeely.	
	<b>Adjournment</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Meeting Adjourned at 3:28 pm	