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MVAEC 2nd Policy Engagement Conference

Feb. 13, 2018 – Vancouver Aboriginal Friendship Center

1607 East Hastings Street

Reversing the Psychology of Poverty

8am	<i>Registration & Breakfast</i>	
9:15am	<i>Opening & Welcome (Gym)</i>	
9:45 to 10:30am	<i>Opening Speaker (9:45 - 10:20)</i>	
	<p>HOW < BECAME > (HOW LESS BECAME MORE) <i>Dr. Sue McIntyre</i></p> <p>This keynote will focus on how an economic downturn and political shift resulted in a Collective Impact Project in the City of Calgary for Homeless, Addicted and Mental Health population. This session will speak to the design, the workings the impact and the findings from the Calgary Recovery Services Task Force. The psychology of Poverty will be introduced as a factor to consider in how housing and homelessness gets addressed.</p> <p><i>Housing & Homelessness Session Facilitator: Kevin Barlow (Gym)</i></p>	
10:30 to 10:45am	<i>Break (Gym)</i>	
10:45 to 11:45am	<i>2 Concurrent Sessions: (10:45 - 11:45)</i>	
	<p><i>Arts, Culture & Language Session</i></p> <p>Chief Simon Baker Room</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Rocky James</i></p>	<p><i>Children, Youth & Families Session</i></p> <p>Gym</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Colter Long</i></p>
11:45 to 1:15pm	<i>Networking & Lunch Gym</i>	
1:15 to 2:15pm	<i>Keynote Speaker (1:20 - 2:10)</i>	
	<p>Transcending Poverty Consciousness and Embracing Indigenous Principles of Abundance, <i>Dr. Martina Whelshula</i></p> <p>Prior to European contact, Indigenous peoples had an intimate understanding of the cycles, phases, and relationships within the natural world. This knowledge allowed tribes to align themselves with these rhythms and live lives of abundance. Colonization interrupted these relationships through a brutal colonization process which brought about abject poverty and suffering. This condition became hard wired within our surviving cultures and, unfortunately, this poverty consciousness undermines our ability to live our lives in abundance. Through embracing Indigenous principles of abundance, we can transform our lives and break the cycle of poverty within our communities. We must honor the sacrifices of our ancestors and live our lives to their fullest.</p> <p><i>Education, Training & Employment Session Facilitator: Kevin Barlow (Gym)</i></p>	
2:15 to 2:30pm	<i>Break (Gym)</i>	
2:30 to 3:30pm	<i>2 Concurrent Sessions: (2:30 - 3:30)</i>	
	<p><i>Justice Session</i></p> <p>Chief Simon Baker Room</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Rocky James</i></p>	<p><i>Health & Wellness Session</i></p> <p>Gym</p> <p><i>Facilitator: Colter Long</i></p>
3:30 to 4pm	<i>Closing Remarks: Kevin Barlow, CEO (Gym)</i>	