



Metro Vancouver Aboriginal Executive Council

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Aboriginal Community
Career Employment
Service Society

Aboriginal Front Door
Society

Aboriginal Mothers Centre
Society

Canadian Aboriginal AIDS
Network

Circle of Eagles Lodge
Society

Federation of Aboriginal
Foster Parents

Fraser Region Aboriginal
Friendship Centre
Association

Healing Our Spirit Society

Helping Spirit Lodge
Society

Kekinow Native Housing

Knowledgeable Aboriginal
Youth Association

Lu'ma Native Housing
Society

Native Education College

Nisga'a Ts'amiks
Vancouver Society

Pacific Association of First
Nation Women

Spirit of the Children
Society

Urban Native Youth
Association

Vancouver Aboriginal
Community Policing
Centre

Vancouver Aboriginal
Friendship Centre Society

Vancouver Aboriginal
Transformative Justice
Services Society

Vancouver Aboriginal
Child & Family Services
Society

Vancouver Native Health
Society (VNHS)

Vancouver Native Housing
Society

Warriors Against Violence
Society

Urban Indigenous Opioid Task Force Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

10:07 am to 11:45 am

VAFC Theatre Room

Draft Minutes

Present:

- Kevin Barlow- Chaired
- Rocky James
- Tara Nault
- Dr. Ashraf Mohammed
- Russell Maynard
- Zakary Zawaduk
- Christopher Van Veen
- Norm Leech
- Margot Kuo

Speaker phone:

- Janine Stevenson
- Sarah Levine
- Margaret Emslie

Staff: Colter Long, Brandon Redford

Regrets: Michelle Wong, Erin Gibson, Tracy Steere, Rodney Olinek, Arthur Paul, Elise Durante, Patrick Smith, Jenna Gaines, Shaun MacDonald, Fleurie Hunter, Fawn Adolph, Soha Sabeti, Cheryl Ward, & Laurel Jebamani

Meeting opened at 10:07 am

I. Group member introductions:

Members of the table introduced themselves by name and affiliation.

II. Review of Agenda:

Agenda accepted as presented.

Opening prayer:

Opening prayer by: Rocky James

III. Review of Terms of Reference:

Terms of Reference read by: Colter Long

Acceptance of Terms of Reference.

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Recommendation to address the opioid crisis as a health issue that requires healing from a trauma-informed approach (a restorative healing approach).

Recommended by: Norm Leech

Recommendation to invite other representatives to UIOTF:

- **Emergency Health Services**
- **University of British Columbia**
- **Simon Fraser University**
- **Lu'ma Native Housing Society**
- **People with lived experience (WAHRS)**
- **Youth & Women (not just service providers working with such)**
- **BC Coroner's Office**
- **WISH Drop-In Centre**
- **Overdose Outreach Team**
- **BC Ministry of Health's Public Engagement First Nations' Sub-Committee**

IV. MVAEC Introductory Presentation:

Presented by: Colter Long

V. Other Items:

Recommendation to acknowledge and facilitate the creation of metro Vancouver's unique urban Indigenous cultural story.

Recommended by: Russell Maynard

- Rocky James will bring recommendation to executive of *Writer's Fest*

Information update:

Interior Health and Island Health are capturing data on self-identified Indigenous people. The First Nations Health Authority Client Health File is being updated and basic demographics for Status people who have suffered overdose will begin to be presented.

Update by: Tara Nault

Urban agencies that have kits and offer training can partner with newer agencies to make the kits available. Non-Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) for Status registered Indians is one option and can work for individuals who self-identify a need to carry a kit and get trained to administer it.

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VI. Recommendations for next proposed meeting:

Recommendation to suggest that each member define what the ideal response would be in the event of an overdose and outline the continuum of care that would proceed it. The exercise may help uncover root causes that contribute to the overrepresentation of Indigenous people experiencing overdoses.

Recommended by: Norm Leech

Echoed by: Dr. Ashraf Mohammed

Recommendation to recognize that for each downstream investment there needs to be an upstream solution.

Recommended by: Margot Kuo

Recommendation to recognize that on and off-reserve experiences are different and that there are multi-generations of people who have never lived on a reserve despite identifying as First Nations people.

Recommended by: Rocky James

- Recommendations have been added to Revised Terms of Reference

VII. Meeting schedule:

a) Meeting frequency: **Recommendation for UIOTF to be held on monthly basis and to commence at 9am.**

Recommended by: Russell Maynard

b) Date for next meeting

To be voted on by Doodle poll.

VIII. **Adjourned:** at 11:45am