



**Connecting With All Our Relations
To Build Bridges in Primary Health Care**

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On First Nation's Health & Wellness**

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Hosted by the Inter-Governmental Committee on First Nation Health

A Few Key Note Speakers Include:

- Arvol Looking Horse, Traditional Healer: 19th Generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe
- Dr. Maria Yellow Horse Brave Heart, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work: "Models for Healing Indigenous Survivors of Historical Trauma"
- Roberta Jamieson: Negotiation & Conflict Resolution, "New Ways of Resolving Issues"

Guest Presentations from our Relatives from:

- Josie Auger, Hobbema, Alberta
- Saka Pembleton & Dr. Marlyn Cook, Akwesasne, Ontario
- Pat Chilton, Weeneebayko Health Ahtushkaywin (Moose Factory), Ontario

WHO IS THE ROMANOW JOINT WORKING GROUP?

The ICFNH is an inter-governmental table that includes representatives from First Nations, the federal and provincial organizations and reports to their Ministers and the Manitoba Chiefs in Assembly.

WHAT DO WE WANT TO ACHIEVE?

Through hosting a Regional Primary Health Care Conference, the ICFNH expects to transfer knowledge, promote best practices and build bridges between First Nation health organizations and the relevant provincial and federal government departments that hold responsibilities in delivering health services. Specifically, the conference objectives are:

1. To build upon the principles of Primary Health Care to incorporate First Nation values, cultures, health needs and priorities to assist in building the foundations of First Nation Primary Health Care.
2. To explore areas that operationalize mainstream Primary Health Care principles to meet the needs, circumstances and practical realities faced in First Nation communities;
3. To encourage multi-dimensional networks between clients, health providers, administrators, policy-makers, researchers and government officials through sharing best practice models and promising approaches for First Nation health.
4. To determine areas for collaboration in primary health care through better coordination of services and build relationships in the following areas:
 - Inter-sectoral relationships
 - Inter-departmental relationships
 - Inter-governmental relationships

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Representatives from health care service organizations, health care administration, policy development, research and governance interests and/or expertise from the following areas:

- First Nation Leadership
- First Nation Health Administrators & Directors
- Indian and Northern Affairs Canada
- First Nations and Inuit Health Branch
- Manitoba Health & Healthy Living
- Provincial Regional Health Authorities
- Aboriginal and Northern Affairs
- Other Provincial & Federal Departments
- Universities and Colleges
- Health Professionals
- Aboriginal and First Nation Students in Health Professions

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Tuesday, March 22, 2005

Eastern Door – Creating Our “Vision” For A Healthier Tomorrow	
TIME	EVENT
7:00 am – 12:00 pm	Registration
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Pipe Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional Healer Keith Pashe Drum Group: Buffalo Red Thunder Singers
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Master of Ceremonies: Lisa Meeches Opening Prayer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elder George Campbell Welcoming Addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chief Tina Leveque, Brokenhead Ojibwe First Nation • AMC Grand Chief, Dennis White Bird • Honourable Tim Sale, Minister of Health
10:00 am – 10:45 am	Keynote Address: “Models for Healing Indigenous Survivors of Historical Trauma” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Yellow Horse Brave Heart, Professor, University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work
10:45 am – 11:15 am	Health Break/Exhibits
11:15 am – 11:30 am	“Overview of the Inter-Governmental Committee on First Nations Health” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-Chairs Irene Linklater, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, and Jim Mair, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Health Canada
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	“What is Primary Health Care?” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arlene Wilgosh, Deputy Minister, Manitoba Health
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Luncheon Address: “Negotiation & Conflict Resolution: New Ways of Resolving Issues” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roberta Jamieson, First Nation Representative on National Health Council
Southern Door – “Building Relationships” In Areas We Can Work Together	
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	Inter-Sectoral Relationships: “How to Work with Traditional Healers and What Are Our Diversities” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arvol Looking Horse – Traditional Healing, 19th Generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe • Traditional Healer Panel Discussion
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Health Break/Exhibits
3:00 pm – 3:45 pm	Inter-Governmental Relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weeneebayko Health Ahtushkaywin (Moose Factory) Experience – Pat Chilton, CEO, and Jim Harold, James Bay General Hospital
3:45 pm – 4:30 pm	Inter-Sectoral Relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Winnipeg Aboriginal Health & Wellness Centre: Dr. Barry Lavallee, Gladys Nepinak, RN & Marge Nepinak

Wednesday, March 23, 2005

Western Door – Providing the “Knowledge” Infrastructure to Improve Health Status	
TIME	EVENT
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Pipe Ceremony: Traditional Healer Keith Pashe
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Recap of Day 1
9:00 am – 9:45 am	The Role and Requirements in First Nation Health Research: • “Quality of Life Indicators for the Dakota and Dene Peoples” – Keely Ten-Fingers, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs
9:45 am – 10:30 am	The Maori Experience “Indigenous Research Methodologies”: Dr. Lorne Clearsky, Faculty of Medicine, University of Manitoba
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Health Break/Exhibits
11:00 am – 11:45 am	First Nations in Alberta: A Focus on Health Service Use: Josie Auger, Hobbema, Alberta, Health & Wellness & University of Alberta
11:45 am – 12:30 pm	Supporting Primary Health Care: Cathy McKenzie, E-Health, Health Canada
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	Lunch on Own
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	Manitoba TeleHealth: • Robert Vigneault, Director, Manitoba TeleHealth • Brenda Sanderson, Aboriginal Program Coordinator, Manitoba TeleHealth
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Northern Aboriginal Population, Health and Wellness Institute: Catherine Spence • Illness Prevention • Health Promotion
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	Akwasasne Health Services: Dr. Marlyn Cook & Saka Pembleton, Health Director

Thursday, March 24, 2005

Northern Door – Constructing a “Plan to Move” Forward	
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Pipe Ceremony: Traditional Healer Keith Pashe
8:30 am – 9:00 am	Recap of Day 2
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Population Health Initiatives: • Sid Frankel, Associate Professor, Faculty of Social Work, University of Manitoba, and Dr. Judith Bartlett, Associate Director, Manitoba First Nations Centre of Aboriginal Health Research
10:00 am – 10:30 am	Accountability Models: • Aboriginal Reporting Framework: Loretta Bayer, Director Aboriginal Health, Manitoba Health
10:30 am – 11:00 am	Health Break/Exhibits
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Discussion Sessions: Primary Health Care: • “Where are the Areas of Collaboration?”
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Lunch on Own
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm	“Options for Financing a First Nations Integrated Health System” • Josée Lavoie, Manitoba First Nations Centre of Aboriginal Health Research
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm	Inter-Governmental Committee on First Nations Health: • “Next Steps for Putting Theory into Practice”
3:00 pm – 3:30 pm	Closing Remarks: • Chief Norman Bone, Keeseekoowewin First Nation
3:30 pm	Closing Song & Prayer • Buffalo Red Thunder Singers