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Waakebiness-Bryce Institute for Indigenous Health



ON-NEIHR Meeting Minutes

Date: April 17, 2024,

Time: 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

In Attendance: Roy Strelbel, Dr. Suzanne Stewart, Dr. Paul Whitinui, Naomi Trott, Dr. Emily Kirk, Sonia Périllat-Amédée, Dr. Brenda Restoule, Dr. Maile Taulaii, Valerie O'Brien, Clay Shirt, Shanti Aguilar-Cardenas, Dr. Sabina Mirza

Regrets: Dr. Alanaise Ferguson, Dr. Lynn Lavallee, Dr. Janet Smylie, Dr. Renee Linklater, Dr. Michelle Dickson, Pamela Hart, Dr. Michael Hart, Luana Shirt, Dr. Christopher Mushquash, Wendy Phillips, Pauline Shirt, Dr. Jeffrey Ansloos, Dr. Chantelle, Dr. Rod McCormick, Dr. Mikaela Gabriel, Dr. Holly Graham,

ITEM	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATION/MOTION/ ACTION
Spiritual Opening Clay Shirt		
Member Check-In	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Naomi Trott<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Research Assistant, supports policy/evaluation work at (FPWC)- Dr. Emily Kirk<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Principle researcher at FPWC- Brenda Restoule<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Chief Executive Officer at FPWC- Sonia Périllat-Amédée<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Research Coordinator at the QB NEIHR; joining meeting to see inquire about opportunities to collaborate with the ON-NEIHR- Dr. Paul Whitinui<ul style="list-style-type: none">o Presenting his vision for Indigenizing academia at UVic	

Member Updates

- **Dr. Maile Tualii**
 - Monarch Hula festival: 61 years, celebrates re-vitalization of the monarch butterfly.
 - 19 dance groups compete.
 - Maile's dancers don't attend to compete but rather to demonstrate a ceremonial hula, they only do traditional hulas.
 - Environmental work
 - Returning traditional materials/plants to their healers, practitioners etc...
 - There is only one farmer in Hawaii who plants and harvest the plant called "maile". The plant grows in the forests and many people take it from there, there is an urgent need for planting more maile.
- **Valerie O'Brien**
 - Research Coordinator for Indigenous mentorship network (IMN) at McMaster
 - Finishing reviews for scholarships for Indigenous students in ON
 - Call out for research grants was released.
 - Hosting summer institute July 15-19; KT component; data governance; Dr. Jennifer Walker is helping to design the curriculum.
 - open to Indigenous undergrad & master students mainly in ON
- **Sonia Périllat-Amédée**
 - Research aims at QB NEIHR
 - Enhancing community capacity building
 - Support for emerging Indigenous researchers.
 - Institutional transformation
 - Focus on how to make academia more accessible, and prevent barriers in navigating academic spaces
 - Their work also contains regional land-gathering aspects.
- **Brenda**
 - Suicide and Prevention group.
 - Trauma group
 - Come on in (Holly, Annalaise, Brenda)
 - They discuss challenges experienced in the field of psychology as female Indigenous scholars.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural teachers in healing and wellness • Understanding trauma through an Indigenous lens ▪ Working with Dr. Vicky Smye <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FWPC is community partner in the research. • Realist review approach to explore existing info to identify the need for policy and systems change to ensure there is equity. • My tax grant. ○ Jeffery Ansloos <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suicide Prevention group - Dr. Paul Whitinui <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submitted paper to journal about Indigenous impact assessment matrix – a tool we can use to measure what we’re doing in various areas of health to change policies. <p>Dr. Suzanne Stewart</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Working on ON-NEIHR eval, RA’s and Dr. Mirza will be reaching out to conduct interviews. - Summer Gathering June 5&6 – all expenses paid for ON-NEIHR members and their partners/networks. - NEIHR membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reapplication update – was submitted. ○ Leadership team decided that only 1 page summary would be shared with the rest of the ON-NEIHR ○ Minutes to Theme leaders meeting, leadership meetings, ○ Trained over 180 RA’s ○ 500 KT items (includes publications, knowledge sharing, ceremony) ○ Renewed NEIHR will have terms of reference – Memorandum of Unity/Understanding and highlight relational accountability. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MOU or Memorandum of Unity to be drafted with the terms of reference
<p>Spiritual Closing Wendy Phillips</p>		

