



HEALTH EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GATHERING

Engagement & Educational Gathering for First Nations communities in Alberta



Program

September 11-13, 2023

*** Program is subject to last minute changes ***

Monday September 11

Travel Day

3:00 -7:00 pm

Arrival at Fantasyland Conference Centre, Chianti Room 6

Conference Registration

- Delegates invited to pick up registration packages and will receive expense reimbursements
- Check in to accommodations (Fantasyland Hotel front desk)

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Amanda Goodstoney

Goodstoney First Nation member and Early Childhood Facilitator, Stoney Health Services

Tuesday September 12

(All day)

Networking with Exhibitors and Artisans

Indigenous Wellness/Crisis Support Team, Indigenous Services Canada

Unless specified, all sessions occur in Fantasyland Conference Centre, Chianti Room, Room 6. Refer to enclosed map.

7:30 am – 12:00 pm: Onsite Registration

8:00 – 9:00 am: Breakfast



HEM Gathering Post-Event Survey

9:00 – 10:00 am
Treaty 6 Blessing and Drum Circle



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Greetings from Îyârhe Nakoda First Nation Chiefs

10:00 – 10:30 am: Opening Plenary: Intention of gathering

Co-presenters:

- **Colleen McDonald**, Health Director, Enoch FN and co-chair, Health Protection Subcommittee
- **Dr. Parminder Thiara**, Indigenous Services Canada

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Refreshment Break

10:45 am – 12:15 pm – Setting the Stage: table breakout discussions. Each table will discuss these three topics and then share key themes with the other attendees.

TOPIC 1

What is an emergency?

TOPIC 2

What is your responsibility in an emergency?

TOPIC 3

What is your community's expectations for emergency support for:

...first 72 hr?

...first week?

...90 days?

12:15 – 12:45 pm: Lunch and Networking with Exhibitors and Artisans

12:45 – 2:00 pm: Keynote Presentation & Fireside Chat

- *Introduced and facilitated by: Amanda Goodstoney, Stoney Health Services*
- *Presenter: Stephanie Harpe, Fort McKay First Nation, Grassroots MMIWG2S advocate, entertainer*

2:00 – 2:15 pm Refreshment Break

2:15 – 2:45 pm: Changes to Emergency Management Assistance Program

- *Presenter: Arja Romaniuk, Indigenous Services Canada*





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2:45 – 3:45 pm

Location: Main Conference Room

Plenary: Exploring Different Models, Examples from other Jurisdictions

Facilitators: Amanda Goodstoney and Stephanie Harpe

Presenters and Panelists

- **Darin Spence**, Ontario First Nation Emergency Response Association
- **Loressa Mike**, Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation

3:50 – 4:30 pm: Concurrent Workshops

Workshop A: Community Opioid Response

Location: Chianti Room #6

Presenter(s):

- Lindsay Nycholat, Stoney Health Services
- Dr. Grady Gibson, Medical Director, Virtual Opioid Dependency Program, Alberta Health Services

Workshop B: Use of Drones for Community Emergency and Health Response

Location: Medoc & Cognac, Room 14-15

Presenter(s): SAIT drone team, Dr. Wade Hawkins, Shahab Moeini and Sara Ashoori

4:30 pm: Wrap-up

**Wednesday
September 13**

8:00 – 8:45 am Breakfast & Networking with vendors/artisans

8:45 – 10:45 am

Table Discussions: What a Model for Emergency Management Could Look Like in Alberta?

Overview to date: Dr. Parminder Thiara (sharing work to date of the working group)

Location: Chianti Room #6

Facilitator(s): **Amanda Goodstoney and Stephanie Harpe**



10:45 – 11:00 am Refreshment Break



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11:00 am – 12:00 pm: Concurrent Workshops
Learning from Others, Past Responses

Workshop A: Lessons Learned: Communicable and Other Disease Response (COVID/Syphilis/Influenza)

Location: Chianti Room #6

Facilitator: Stephanie Harpe

Panellists:

- **Dr. Parminder Thiara, Dr. Chris Sarin**, Indigenous Services Canada
- **Colleen MacDonald**, Health Director, Enoch First Nation (Treaty 6)
- **Kimberly Rice** – COVID Response Nurse, Mikisew Cree First Nation (Fort Chipewyan, Treaty 8), Tribal Chief Ventures
- **Suzanne Sihikal** – Primary Care Manager, Stoney Health Services (Treaty 7)

Workshop B: Wildfires (Environmental Extremes/Fluctuations/Community Impacts)

Presenter: **Reg Fountain**, Director, Emergency Management, Stoney Tribal Administration

Facilitator: **Amanda Goodstoney**

Panel: to be confirmed, looking for community volunteers

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Lunch and last chance to visit exhibitors and artisans!

1:00 – 3:00 pm (flexible, if needed, depending on morning conversation)

Plenary Discussion: Looking to the Future

How do we move forward?

Considerations for the future

Facilitator(s): **Amanda Goodstoney and Stephanie Harpe**

Panel: DEM and/or HD from each Treaty area

3:00 pm (or earlier): Wrap-Up and Closing Prayer

