

**Pathways to Health
Equity for Aboriginal
Peoples
Partner Forum**

***Forum des partenaires
de l'initiative des Voies
de l'équité en santé
pour les Autochtones***

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Ottawa, ON**

***les 16 et 17 octobre 2012
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Canadian Museum of Nature

Barrick Salon

240 McLeod Street (corner of Metcalfe Street)

Ottawa, Ontario

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Directions:

By Car

If you are on Highway 417 (the Queensway), take the Metcalfe exit, no. 119.

You can see the museum from the highway—look for a “castle” on the north side. If you are heading west, it will be on your right, and if you are heading east, it will be on your left.

Walking from Downtown

The museum is a 20-minute walk from Parliament Hill.

- Metcalfe Street takes you directly to the main entrance of the museum.
- Elgin and O'Connor streets take you to the perimeter of the museum grounds.

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Letter from the Pathways co-leads

Welcome to the Pathways Partner Forum

On behalf of the CIHR Institutes of Aboriginal Peoples' Health (IAPH), Gender and Health (IGH) and Population and Public Health (IPPH), we are pleased to welcome you to Ottawa, Ontario for the Pathways Partner Forum.

This meeting brings together participants from a variety of sectors including Aboriginal organizations, commercial sectors, health charities, professional associations, non-governmental associations, academia, and Federal, Provincial and Territorial Governments. These organizations are being brought together because they share a common goal of improving health equity for Aboriginal Peoples through research – both knowledge generation and implementation.

The overall intent of this Partner Forum is to continue building on the momentum and enthusiasm partners have expressed for the Pathways Initiative, and to stimulate dialogue among participants from partner organizations interested in promoting health equity for Aboriginal Peoples.

The objectives of the Partner Forum are to:

- describe how the Pathways to Health Equity for Aboriginal Peoples initiative has developed and explain what it aims to achieve;
- share evidence-based, innovative and grassroots solutions addressing the four health priorities - particularly solutions that respect and incorporate Indigenous values and ways of knowing;
- obtain broad community input to inform the requests for applications; and,
- identify and invite collaborative partnerships that will amplify the impact and ensure the long-term success and sustainability of the Pathways Initiative.

Pathways' overall goal is to develop a better understanding of how to implement and scale up interventions and programs that will address First Nations, Inuit and Métis health inequities in four priority exemplar areas – Suicide, Obesity, Tuberculosis, and Oral Health. Recommendations from this workshop will be used to inform the development of the funding opportunities.

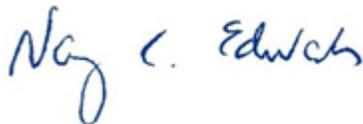
We wish to express our most sincere appreciation to the Pathways Advisory Committee (PAC) for their guidance, advice and support to the Pathways Initiative and look forward to their continued collaboration in developing the initiative.

We look forward to inspiring presentations, productive discussions and active participation over the next two days to advance health equity for Aboriginal Peoples through research.



Malcolm King

Scientific Director
CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health



Nancy Edwards

Scientific Director
CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health



Joy Johnson

Scientific Director
CIHR Institute of Gender and Health

Lettre des coresponsables de l'Initiative

Bienvenue au Forum des partenaires de l'initiative des Voies de l'équité

Au nom de l'Institut de la santé des Autochtones (ISA), de l'Institut de la santé des femmes et des hommes (ISFH) et de l'Institut de la santé publique et des populations (ISPP) des IRSC, nous vous souhaitons la bienvenue à Ottawa à l'occasion du Forum des partenaires de l'initiative des Voies de l'équité.

Le Forum réunit des participants de divers horizons — groupes autochtones, secteur commercial, organismes caritatifs, associations professionnelles, associations non gouvernementales, milieu universitaire, et gouvernements fédéral, provinciaux et territoriaux— qui ont un but en commun, celui de réduire les iniquités en santé chez les Autochtones par la recherche, tant en générant des nouvelles connaissances qu'en mise en œuvre.

L'intention générale du forum est de poursuivre sur la lancée et sur l'enthousiasme déjà exprimé par les partenaires à l'égard de l'initiative des Voies de l'équité et aussi de stimuler le dialogue entre les participants des organismes partenaires intéressés à promouvoir l'équité en santé pour les Autochtones.

Objectifs du Forum :

- décrire comment l'initiative de recherche Voies de l'équité en santé pour les Autochtones a été élaborée et expliquer ce qu'elle tente de réaliser;
- mettre en commun des solutions novatrices, issues de la collectivité et fondées sur des données probantes, en particulier des solutions qui respectent et incorporent les valeurs et les systèmes de connaissances autochtones et qui portent sur les quatre priorités de recherche en santé de l'initiative des Voies de l'équité;
- consulter la collectivité dans son ensemble pour éclairer les concours de financement;
- trouver et accueillir des occasions de partenariat qui permettront d'accroître l'impact de l'initiative des Voies de l'équité afin d'en assurer le succès et la viabilité à long terme.

Le but général de l'initiative des Voies de l'équité est de mieux comprendre comment mettre en œuvre et reproduire à grande échelle des interventions et des programmes qui auront pour effet de réduire les disparités en matière de santé chez les Premières Nations, les Inuits et les Métis du Canada dans quatre domaines prioritaires : le suicide, l'obésité, la tuberculose et la santé buccodentaire. Les recommandations qui seront générées durant l'atelier serviront à éclairer le développement des concours de financement de la recherche de l'initiative.

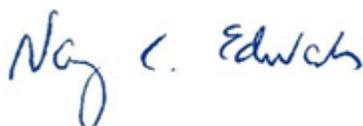
Nous aimerions remercier sincèrement le comité consultatif des Voies de l'équité pour son aide, ses conseils et son soutien. Nous nous réjouissons à l'avance de poursuivre avec lui l'avancement de l'initiative.

Nous avons hâte d'assister aux présentations stimulantes, de prendre part aux discussions fructueuses et de participer activement avec vous durant les deux prochaines journées afin de faire progresser l'équité en matière de santé chez les Autochtones.



Malcolm King

Directeur scientifique
Institut de la santé des Autochtones des
IRSC



Nancy Edwards

Directrice scientifique
Institut de la santé publique et des
populations des IRSC



Joy Johnson

Directrice scientifique
Institut de la santé des femmes et des
hommes des IRSC

Agenda - October 16, 2012

8:00 - 8:30 am	Registration & coffee	
8:30 - 8:40 am	Opening prayer	Albert Dumont
8:40 - 8:45 am	Opening the meeting	Malcolm King Joy Johnson Nancy Edwards
8:45 - 9:00 am	Opening remarks from CIHR	Alain Beaudet
9:00 - 9:10 am	Workshop purpose and goals	Joy Johnson
9:10 - 9:20 am	How the workshop will unfold	Kim Scott
9:20 - 9:35 am	Roundtable introductions	
9:35 - 10:20 am	Presentation & Discussion: <i>Pathways to Health Equity for Aboriginal Peoples</i>	Malcolm King
10:20 - 10:35 am	Health Break	
10:35 - 11:15 am	Interactive Panel Discussion: <i>Aboriginal Ways of Knowing and Traditional Knowledge</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simon Brascoupé, National Aboriginal Health Organization• Pierre Haddad, University of Montreal• Cheryl Bartlett, Cape Breton University• Albert Dumont, Algonquin Elder	Malcolm King
11:15 - 12:00 pm	Presentation & Discussion: <i>Implementation Science</i>	Nancy Edwards
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	

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1:00 – 1:30 pm	Showcasing Promising Examples from Aboriginal Communities <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation</i> (Carol Hopkins, NNAPF)• <i>Putting Aboriginal Programing to work in the Canadian YMCA</i> (Shannon Doram, YMCA Calgary)	Joy Johnson
1:30 – 2:15 pm	Small Group Discussion and Report Back: What can we learn from the promising examples?	Kim Scott
2:15 – 2:30 pm	Health Break	
2:30 – 3:15 pm	Showcasing Promising Examples from the Private Sector Partnerships: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What is the Business Case for Industry to Partner?</i> (Greg Brady, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers)• <i>Royal Bank of Canada Community Education Partnership with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission</i> (Chinyere Eni, Royal Bank of Canada & Wendy Johnson, Truth and Reconciliation Commission)• <i>Building connected learning communities for socio-economic growth</i> (Joanne Wong, The Village Project, Cisco Systems)	Robert Thirsk
3:15 – 4:15 pm	Small Group Discussion and Report Back: What can we learn from partnering with the private sector?	Kim Scott
4:15 – 4:30 pm	Closing remarks & prayer	Malcolm King Albert Dumont

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8:00 - 8:30 am	Welcome & coffee	
8:30 - 8:40 am	Opening prayer	Albert Dumont
8:40 - 9:00 am	Recap from Day 1 and Setting the stage for Day 2	Kim Scott
9:00 - 9:30 am	Presentation & Discussion: <i>National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) of the NIH</i>	John Ruffin
9:30 - 10:30 am	Interactive Panel Discussion: <i>Partnering for Health Equity</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard Jock, Assembly of First Nations• Anna Fowler, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami• Charles Hill, National Aboriginal Housing Association• Jeffrey Cyr, National Association of Friendship Centres	Malcolm King
10:30 - 10:45 am	Health Break	
10:45 - 12:00 pm	Small Group Discussion and Report Back: <i>Identifying the key enablers and the challenges of implementing and scaling up community level initiatives to address the four exemplars</i>	Kim Scott
12:00 - 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	

Agenda - October 17, 2012

1:00 – 2:00 pm	Partnering to Leverage Support, Amplify Impact and Sustain Momentum <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The Poverty Action Project</i> (Judy Whiteduck, Assembly of First Nation and Fred Wien, Dalhousie University)• <i>Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Centre</i> (Tricia McGuire-Adams, National Association of Friendship Centres)• <i>The TUI'KN Initiative</i> (Sharon Rudderham, Eskasoni Health Community Health Centre)	Joy Johnson and Nancy Edwards
2:00 – 3:00 pm	Small Group Discussion & Report Back: Leveraging Support, Amplifying Impact and Sustaining Momentum	Kim Scott
3:00 – 3:15 pm	Health Break	
3:15 – 3:30 pm	Next steps for Pathways	Malcolm King, Joy Johnson, Nancy Edwards
3:30 – 3:45 pm	Thank you and evaluation	Malcolm King
3:45 – 4:00 pm	Closing prayer	Albert Dumont

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8h00 - 8h30	Inscription et café	
8h30 - 8h40	Prière d'ouverture	Albert Dumont
8h40 - 8h45	Ouverture de la réunion	Joy Johnson Nancy Edwards Malcolm King
8h45 - 9h00	Allocution d'ouverture des IRSC	Alain Beaudet
9h00 - 9h10	Description des objectifs de l'atelier	Joy Johnson
9h10 - 9h20	Explication du déroulement de l'atelier	Kim Scott
9h20 - 9h35	Tour de table - présentation des participants	
9h35 - 10h20	Exposé et discussion : Voie de l'équité en santé pour les Autochtones	Malcolm King
10h20 - 10h35	Pause santé	
10h35 - 11h15	Discussion en groupe : <i>Systèmes de connaissances et savoirs traditionnels des Autochtones</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Simon Brascoupé, Organisation nationale de la santé des Autochtones (ONSA)• Pierre Haddad, Université de Montréal• Cheryl Bartlett, Université du Cape Breton• Albert Dumont, Aîné Algonquin	Malcolm King
11h15 - 12h00	Exposé et discussion : <i>Science de la mise en œuvre</i>	Nancy Edwards
12h00 - 13h00	Dîner	

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13h00 – 13h30	Présentation d'exemples prometteurs tirés des communautés Autochtones <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>La Fondation autochtone nationale de partenariat pour la lutte contre les dépendances</i> (Carol Hopkins)• <i>"Putting Aboriginal Programming to work in the Canadian YMCA"</i> (Shannon Doram, YMCA Calgary)	Joy Johnson
13h30 – 14h15	Discussion en petits groupes et compte rendu : Que pouvons-nous apprendre de ces exemples prometteurs ?	Kim Scott
14h15 – 14h30	Pause santé	
14h30 – 15h15	Présentation d'exemples prometteurs tirés de partenariats avec le secteur privé : <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Quelle est la motivation de l'industrie à devenir partenaire ?</i> (Greg Brady, Association canadienne des producteurs de pétroliers)• <i>"Royal Bank of Canada Community Education Partnership with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission"</i> (Chinyere Eni, Banque Royale du Canada et Wendy Johnson, Truth and Reconciliation Commission)• <i>"Building connected learning communities for socio-economic growth"</i> (Joanne Wong, The Village Project, Cisco Systems)	Robert Thirsk
15h15 – 16h15	Discussion en petits groupes et compte rendu : Que pouvons-nous apprendre d'un partenariat avec le secteur privé ?	Kim Scott
16h15 – 16h30	Mot de la fin et prière	Malcolm King Albert Dumont

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8h00 - 8h30	Mot de bienvenue et café	
8h30 - 8h40	Prière d'ouverture	Albert Dumont
8h40 - 9h00	Résumé du jour 1 et préparation du jour 2	Kim Scott
9h00 – 9h30	Exposé et discussion : <i>National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) de la NIH</i>	John Ruffin
9h30 – 10h30	Discussion en groupe : <i>Partenariat pour l'équité en santé</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Richard Jock, Assemblée des Premières Nations• Anna Fowler, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami• Charles Hill, Association nationale d'habitation autochtone• Jeffrey Cyr, Association nationale des centres d'amitié	Malcolm King
10h30 – 10h45	Pause santé	
10h45 – 12h00	Discussion en petits groupes et compte rendu : <i>Déterminer les principaux éléments facilitateurs et les défis de mise en œuvre et de développement des initiatives à l'échelle communautaire dans les quatre domaines</i>	Kim Scott
12h00 - 13h00	Dîner	

Ordre du jour - 17 octobre 2012

13h00 – 14h00	Établir des partenariats pour obtenir des appuis, augmenter l'impact et poursuivre sur sa lancée <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>"The Poverty Action Project"</i> (Judy Whiteduck, Assemblée des Premières Nations et Fred Wien, Université de Dalhousie)• <i>"Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Centre"</i> (Tricia McGuire-Adams, Association nationale des centres d'amitié)• <i>"The TUI'KN Initiative"</i> (Sharon Rudderham, Eskasoni Health Community Health Centre)	Joy Johnson et Nancy Edwards
14h00 – 15h00	Discussion en petits groupes et compte rendu : Obtenir des appuis, augmenter l'impact et poursuivre sur sa lancée	Kim Scott
15h00 – 15h15	Pause santé	
15h15 – 15h30	Prochaines étapes pour l'initiative des Voies de l'équité	Malcolm King Joy Johnson Nancy Edwards
15h30 – 15h45	Remerciement et évaluation	Malcolm King
15h45 – 16h00	Prière de clôture	Albert Dumont

Speakers

Cheryl Bartlett BSc, MSc, PhD

Professor, Biology

Cape Breton University

Cheryl Bartlett is a Professor of Biology at Cape Breton University and Director of the Institute for Integrative Science & Health. Dr. Bartlett has held the Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Integrative Science since October 2002. Dr. Bartlett received her PhD from the University of Guelph. Cheryl's primary interest is the co-learning research journey of working with Aboriginal individuals and communities to bring together Indigenous and Western scientific knowledge and ways of knowing.

Alain Beaudet, MD, PhD

President, Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)

Dr. Beaudet is the President of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR). As President, Dr. Beaudet acts both as Chair of the Governing Council and Chief Executive Officer of CIHR. Before joining CIHR in July 2008, Dr. Beaudet was the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Fonds de la recherche en santé du Québec (FRSQ), a position held since 2004.

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Beaudet built a distinguished career at the world-renowned Montreal Neurological Institute (MNI). He headed the MNI's functional neuroanatomy laboratory, pursuing basic research into the action mechanisms and role of neuropeptides in the central nervous system, the control of intracellular receptor trafficking and its involvement in neuron signalling and new pain therapies. From 1985 to 1992, Dr. Beaudet was Associate Director (Research) at the MNI. He has also taught in McGill University's Neurology-Neurosurgery and Anatomy-Cell Biology departments. Dr. Beaudet has written more than 175 original articles and some 40 monographs and book chapters.

Dr. Beaudet has received numerous grants and distinctions, including the Killam postdoctoral fellowship, grants from the Medical Research Council (MRC), CIHR and FRSQ, and the Murray L. Barr Junior Scientist Award. In September 2004, he was awarded the Prix Adrien-Pouliot by the Association francophone pour le savoir (Acfas). He served as President of the Canadian Association for Neuroscience from 1995 to 1997 and has sat on many peer review committees, both in Canada (FRSQ, MRC) and elsewhere (National Institutes of Health, Human Frontier Science Program). In 2007, France bestowed the Order of Academic Palms distinguished Officer's award to him and he was made Doctor honoris causa of Université Pierre et Marie Curie. In 2011, he became a Knight of the National Order of Quebec, the highest honour awarded by the government of Quebec.

Dr. Beaudet earned a medical degree and a PhD in neuroscience from the Université de Montréal. He did his postdoctoral training at the Centre d'études nucléaires in Saclay, France and the University of Zurich's Brain Research Institute in Switzerland.

Greg Brady

Vice-President, Aboriginal Relations

Devon Canada Corporation

Greg Brady is Vice President of Devon Canada Corporation's Aboriginal Relations Team, a licensed Land Agent and Commissioner for Oaths with responsibility for managing and facilitating Devon's policies and relationships with Aboriginal communities across Devon's Canadian operations.

During his 24-year career with Devon and its predecessor companies, Greg has held a range of roles such as coordinator seismic data acquisition and operations. Liability and reclamation management, construction coordinator, as well as lease acquisition for well sites, pipelines and associated facilities as a land agent.

Greg has been working with Aboriginal (First Nation, Métis, Inuit) communities and the Crown across Devon's Western Canadian and northern operations on consultation issues for over 10 years. He was given the name "Wapis" "kaw ayapit" and made "honorary Chief" of the Kehewin Cree Nation for his work related to business development and community support.

He is also the Manager of Aboriginal Affairs for the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), in a half time secondment capacity.

Simon Brascoupé

A/CEO, National Aboriginal Health Organization

IAPH Advisory Board Member

Simon Brascoupé, (Anishinabeg/ Haudenosaunee – Bear Clan) Acting Chief Executive Officer, National Aboriginal Health Organization is a member of Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation, Maniwaki, Quebec. Simon Brascoupé is an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Indigenous Studies at Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario and an Adjunct Research Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Carleton University. He has a B.A. and M.A. from State University of New York at Buffalo, where he is also completing his Ph.D. He has a strong interest in traditional medicine and traditional knowledge. He conducts research and training on cultural competency and safety. He published an article titled "Cultural Safety - Exploring the Applicability of the Concept of Cultural Safety to Aboriginal Health and Community Wellness" in the Journal of Aboriginal Health. Oxford University Press released *Visions of the Heart, Canadian Aboriginal Issues*, in April 2011 that has a chapter by Simon on 'Rekindling the Fire: Indigenous Knowledge and New Technologies.'

Simon Brascoupé teaches Aboriginal health and healing at Carleton University and the University of Manitoba. Previously Simon Brascoupé was Acting Director, Primary Health Care Division, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Health Canada and Director, Aboriginal Affairs Branch, Environment Canada. He has written and worked in the field of traditional knowledge and intellectual Property Rights and is on Trent University's Ph.D. Indigenous Knowledge Council. He has been involved internationally on Indigenous environmental issues, particularly the protection of Indigenous knowledge.

Jeffrey Cyr

Executive Director

National Association of Friendship Centres

As an urban Métis person he understands the realities of urban Aboriginal issues from living in cities such as Winnipeg and Ottawa. For more than a decade, Jeff has focused his career on providing strategic and operational leadership skills within Aboriginal organizations such as the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs and the Manitoba Métis Federation. Within the Government of Canada, he has extensive experience with the Privy Council Office, Natural Resources and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP.) Since 2008, he has been a Senior Advisor - Aboriginal Relations with the Office of the Federal Interlocutor for Métis and Non-Status Indians - Indian and Northern Affairs Canada. Jeff has a Masters Degree (with distinction) Political Studies/International Relations from the University of Manitoba.

Shannon Doram

Vice President, Health and Wellness

YMCA Calgary

Shannon Doram is YMCA Calgary's Vice President Health and Wellness. Shannon is responsible for developing YMCA Calgary's strategy and programs related to health promotion, including strategic partnerships with Alberta Health Services, the University of Calgary, the University of Alberta and key community partners. Her education includes a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology from the University of Calgary and a Master of Science in Health Promotion from the University of Alberta's School of Public Health. Active in the population health domain, Shannon is a member of both the American Journal of Health Promotion and serves on the Alberta Public Health Association Board of Directors.

Speakers

Albert Dumont

Algonquin, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg

Albert Dumont is currently employed by Correctional Services Canada as a spiritual advisor for the Aboriginal men incarcerated at Millhaven Institution located near Kingston, ON.

He is an activist, a volunteer and a poet who has been walking the Red Road since beginning his life of sobriety in April of 1988. He has published 5 books of poetry and short stories. Several organizations, both native and non-native, are currently featuring his poetry in their promotions, among them are the Wabano Centre for Aboriginal Health and the Native Veterans Association. Albert is in demand by various government departments as a speaker and consultant. The RCMP and Ottawa Police Service are also found on his client list. Albert has dedicated his life to promoting Aboriginal spirituality and healing and to protecting the rights of Aboriginal peoples particularly those as they affect the young.

In recognition for his work as an activist and volunteer on his ancestral lands (Ottawa and Region) Albert was presented with a Human Rights Award by the Public Service Alliance of Canada in 2010.

Nancy Edwards RN, PhD, FCAHS

Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Population and Public Health

Nancy Edwards was appointed Scientific Director, Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Institute of Population and Public Health in July, 2008. She is also a Full Professor in the School of Nursing, with a cross-appointment to the Department of Epidemiology and Community Medicine, University of Ottawa; Principal Scientist, Institute of Population Health; and Senior Scientist, Élisabeth Bruyère Research Institute. Dr. Edwards obtained her undergraduate nursing degree from the University of Windsor and completed graduate studies in epidemiology at McMaster University and McGill University. Nancy is the holder of a Chair Award in Nursing from the Canadian Health Services Research Foundation and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (2000-2012). The focus of her award is "Multiple Interventions in Community Health Nursing Care". Nancy's research interests are in the fields of public and population health. She has conducted health services, policy, knowledge translation and clinical research both nationally and internationally and was the inaugural Director of the Population Health PhD program at the University of Ottawa.

Chinyere Eni

National Director, Aboriginal & Public Sector Markets

RBC Royal Bank

As National Director, Aboriginal and Public Sector Markets, Chinyere is responsible for the strategic direction of Aboriginal Markets for RBC Enterprise and the Public Sector market strategy within business financial services. Within RBC, Chinyere has held various roles within personal and commercial banking, including Branch Manager of Canada's first insurance co-location at RBC and was a senior commercial account manager with a specialization in mining within the RBC commercial banking supply chain group.

Prior to joining RBC, Chinyere was actively involved as a board member, as a volunteer with various not-for-profit organizations in Vancouver, British Columbia. Since joining RBC, she has held various advisory, board and treasury roles for businesses and non-profit organizations including most recently a role as Treasurer for a Business Improvement Association in Toronto. Within RBC Chinyere co-chaired the RBC Royal Eagles Employee Resource Group and was an inaugural DiverseCity Fellow supporting city-building initiatives benefiting the City of Toronto. Currently she is an advisory board member for the Princess Margaret Hospital for the Ride to Conquer Cancer and mentor to child amputees through the War Amputations of Canada.

Chinyere holds a Masters of Business Administration from Rotman School of Business at the University of Toronto and a Personal Financial Planning designation. She is a member of the Little Pine First Nation in Saskatchewan and of the Igbo tribe in Nigeria.

In 2012, Chinyere was a recipient of the International Women's Achiever's Award in the Changing Lives category for volunteerism and leadership.

Pierre Haddad BA, PhD
Professor in Pharmacology
Université de Montréal
IAPH Advisory Board Member

Dr. Haddad is a professor of pharmacology at the University of Montreal and a principal investigator at the Montreal Diabetes Research Center. Since 2003, he has lead the CIHR Team in Aboriginal Antidiabetic Medicines. The project aims at rigorously studying plants used by Elders and healers of Eeyou Istchee (Canadian James Bay Cree) that have promising anti-diabetic potential. This multidisciplinary project aims to prepare scientifically validated phytomedicines that stay close to traditional preparations and are to be clinically tested by Cree diabetics. The project also seeks to integrate Cree traditional medicine into diabetes health care.

Pierre was trained in pharmacology at the University of Montreal where he obtained a Ph.D. (1986), a postdoctoral fellowship on ionic movements involved in cell volume regulation in liver at the Institute of General and Experimental Pathology at the University of Vienna, Austria (1986-1988), which was continued this work at the Yale University Liver Center, USA (1988-1990). He then returned to the University of Montreal to establish an independent research laboratory.

Dr. Haddad has developed two major areas of research in the last two decades. The first addresses the cellular and molecular effects of cold preservation-warm perfusion (CI/WR) on liver cells and the second concerns anti-diabetic medicinal plants.

Charles Hill
Executive Director
National Aboriginal Housing Association (NAHA)

Charlie Taiowisakarere Hill is a member of the Mohawk Nation at Six Nations, Grand River Territory. He is a social programs consultant and is a long-time advocate for Aboriginal (First Nations, Métis and Inuit) housing, both on and off reserve. He is currently Executive Director of the National Aboriginal Housing Association and continues to push for increased numbers of safe, affordable housing units for Indigenous peoples.

Speakers

Carol Hopkins

Executive Director

National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation

Carol Hopkins is the Executive Director of the National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation, an organization whose mandate is to support Canada's First Nations Addictions programs. Carol came to this position from Nimkee NupiGawagan Healing Centre Inc., a youth solvent abuse treatment centre that is founded on Indigenous culture and life ways, where she was the founding Director for 13 years.

Carol was the Co-Chair, First Nations Addictions Advisory Panel whose mandate was to develop a renewal framework for the national Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Youth Solvent Abuse programs. Carol now co-chairs the Leadership Team whose mandate is to implement the renewal framework. This process is a partnership between the Assembly of First Nations, National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation, and First Nations and Inuit Health Branch of Health Canada.

Her strength in the health profession is the ability to blend western and Native traditional health & healing practices in a competent and responsive manner. In this regard, Carol has taught for various post-secondary institutes, including Anishinabek Education Institute, Native Social Work program at Laurentian University and currently is also a Professor in the Social Work Program at Kings University College of the University of Western Ontario. She holds a Masters of Social Work Degree from the University of Toronto. Carol has received the Walter Dieter Award from the Assembly of First Nations in recognition of academic achievements made in the field of Social Work with First Nations.

Carol has presented nationally and internationally to indigenous audiences, government, health care professionals, and to academic audiences.

Joy Johnson PhD, RN, FCAHS

Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Gender and Health

With an extensive background researching the role that gender plays in medical treatment, Dr. Joy Johnson is considered one of Canada's leading scholars in the field of health behaviour. She's won several awards, including a Killam research prize from UBC, which recognizes outstanding and scholarly contributions of international significance. Dr. Johnson is the Scientific Director at the CIHR Institute of Gender and Health, co-founder of the Women's Health Research Network, and a professor at UBC.

Malcolm King, PhD

Scientific Director, CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health

Dr. King, a member of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, is a health researcher at Simon Fraser University, joining the Faculty of Health Sciences in September 2012. In his career in pulmonary research, Malcolm has developed new approaches to treat mucus clearance dysfunction in chronic lung disease, and is now working on addressing issues in airborne disease transmission. Since January 2009, he has led the CIHR Institute of Aboriginal Peoples' Health as its Scientific Director. In this role, he leads the development of a health research agenda aimed at improving wellness and achieving health equity for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis Peoples.

Tricia McGuire-Adams

**Director, Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network
National Association of Friendship Centres**

Ms. Tricia McGuire-Adams is the Director of the Urban Aboriginal Knowledge Network for the National Association of Friendship Centres. In 2009 she received her Master of Arts Degree in Indigenous Governance from the University of Victoria. She also holds an H.B.A and B.A. from Lakehead University. Tricia, an Anishinaabe from Bingwi Neyaashi Anishinaabek, has committed her career to working with urban indigenous peoples including such areas as community justice, post-secondary education and community based research projects.

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**Health Administrator
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Sharon is a Mi'kmaq from the First Nation community of Membertou located in beautiful Nova Scotia. Sharon is currently Health Administrator of the Eskasoni Community Health Centre, located about 40 minutes from her home community. Sharon is currently the administrator for all community health programs from Homecare, Diabetes Education Centre, Head start and Mental Health services; as well Primary Care & Physician services for a community of 4000 people.

Prior to working in Eskasoni Sharon worked as Health Director for NS Tribal Council the Union of Nova Scotia Indians where she provided policy & program advice to Leadership and NS Mi'kmaq Communities.

In the past, Sharon regularly participated on many National Advisory committees through the Assembly of First Nations and provincially Sharon served as a member of the NS Provincial Health Council.

Today, Sharon is instrumental in the coordination and development of a collaborative network the Tuikn Partnership amongst 5 Cape Breton Mi'kmaq communities and the driving force behind the movement toward Taking Control of First Nation Health Information. Along with the establishment of relationships and negotiations between local District Health Authorities around health services for their Mi'kmaq communities. As well, Sharon completed term as the Mi'kmaq Co-Chair of the Mi'kmaq-Nova Scotia-Federal Tripartite Forum Health Committee; Sharon continues to participate in many local, provincial and national committees' on First Nation's Health.

John Ruffin

**Director, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities
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Dr. John Ruffin is the Director of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). He oversees the NIMHD budget of approximately \$276 million. In addition, he provides leadership for the minority health and health disparities research activities of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) which constitutes an annual budget of approximately \$2.8 billion.

Dr. Ruffin has planned and brought to fruition the largest biomedical research program in the U.S. to promote minority health and other health disparities research and training. In his quest to eliminate health disparities, the hallmark of his approach is to foster and expand strategic partnerships in alliance with the NIH Institutes and Centers, various Federal and state agencies, community organizations, academic institutions, private sector leaders, and international governments and non-governmental organizations.

Speakers

He is a well-respected leader and visionary in the field of minority health and health disparities. As an academician and a scientist, he has devoted his professional career to improving the health status of racial and ethnic minorities and other medically underserved populations in the United States. He has an impressive track record of developing and supporting programs to increase the cadre of minority scientists, physicians, and other health professionals, as well as attract a diverse group of researchers to the health disparities field.

Dr. Ruffin has received an honorary doctor of science degree from Spelman College, Tuskegee University, the University of Massachusetts in Boston, North Carolina State University, Morehouse School of Medicine, Meharry Medical College, Tulane University, Dillard University, Medgar Evers College. Dr. Ruffin received a B.S. in Biology from Dillard University, a M.S. in Biology from Atlanta University, a Ph.D. in Systematic and Developmental Biology from Kansas State University, and completed post-doctoral studies in biology at Harvard University.

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Ms Scott is founder and principal investigator of Kishka Anaquot Health Research (KAHR), an independent Indigenous owned and operated consulting firm specializing in strategic planning, program design, performance measurement, partnership development and environmental sustainability with a varied client base of universities, government departments, professional associations, international and non-governmental organizations, school boards, health centres and communities. Her career spans a broad spectrum of activity related to public health, international and community development, governance, children and families. Ms Scott holds a Master of Science from the University of Waterloo, is a lifelong student of traditional medicine, currently sits on the Audit Committee of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and is a member of the Ottawa Renewable Energy Cooperative. In 2011, she reduced her carbon footprint by over thirty percent and is on a quest to live as though there is only one earth.

Robert Thirsk

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Dr. Thirsk provides CIHR with expert advice on all matters related to strategic relations, public and private sector partnerships, communication and public outreach. In this role, he is also a key player in supporting the Institutes to fulfill their respective mandates. He ensures that CIHR's strategic relations and partnerships promote the advancement of health research and the strengthening of our health care system. Finally, as a member of Science Council, he participates in the development, implementation, and evaluation of CIHR's research and knowledge translation strategies.

Dr. Thirsk holds degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Calgary and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), a Doctorate of Medicine from McGill University, and a Master of Business Administration from the MIT Sloan School of Management. He was selected for the Canadian Astronaut Program in 1983 and has flown on two space missions as a member of the Canadian Space Agency's astronaut corps.

Dr. Thirsk served as crew commander of two space mission simulations, including an eleven day undersea mission off of Key Largo, Florida. In 1996, he flew aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia with six international crewmates as part of the Life and Microgravity Spacelab Mission. This 17-day mission was devoted to the study of life and materials sciences, including experiments that investigated changes in plants, animals and humans under space flight conditions. In 2009, he launched aboard a Russian Soyuz spacecraft and became the first Canadian astronaut to complete a long duration expedition aboard the International Space Station. As a member of the ISS Expedition 20/21 crew, he and his international crewmates performed multidisciplinary research, robotic operations, maintenance and repair work of Station systems and payloads.

During his career, Dr. Thirsk has performed hundreds of medical and scientific experiments benefiting terrestrial society and even future spacefarers. He is a strong promoter of a Canadian economy based upon exploration, innovation and advanced education.

Frederic Wien, MA, PhD

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Fred Wien has an Honours BA in Political Studies and Spanish from Queen's University (1962-66), and an MA and PhD in Development Sociology, Government and Latin American Studies from Cornell University (1966-71).

His initial academic appointment was at the University of Western Ontario (1970-73) in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, where he was also cross-appointed to the Office on International Education. In 1973, he was appointed a Research Associate at the Institute of Public Affairs where he was one of the leaders of a major research program on low-income work in the Maritime region. He became the Director of the Maritime School of Social Work in 1981, serving in that capacity until 1986 and on an acting basis on two occasions more recently.

Between 1992 and 1996, Dr. Wien served as the Deputy Director of Research at the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples where he headed up the research program on employment and economic development. Upon his return to Dalhousie in 1996, he continues as a professor in the School of Social Work but also serves as the nominated principal applicant for the Atlantic Aboriginal Health Research Program, funded by CIHR/IAPH. He is also the co-chair of the Steering Committee for the Atlantic Aboriginal Economic Development Integrated Research Program (AAEDIRP).

At a national level, he is a member of the Make Poverty History Expert Advisory Committee serving the Assembly of First Nations, and the Advisory Committee on Social Conditions for Statistics Canada.

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Joanne Wong is an education consultant at PlanetPro for Cisco Canada. Her role as the Director - Village Project for Canada, is to prepare lifelong learners for a global working environment by creating a collaborative learning community, through connected secondary and post-secondary schools and Aboriginal communities with government, businesses and local stakeholders.

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