NORTHERN BIOBANK INITIATIVE

UPDATE ON CONSULTATIONS WITH FIRST NATIONS IN NORTHERN BC

FNHA NORTHERN REGIONAL CAUCUS

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Why a First Nations biobank?

➡ Why a First Nations biobank in northern BC?
  - Closing gaps in health status requires improving equity in access to health research and innovation
  - Health status is a moving target

➡ Consultations with First Nations in northern BC are necessary
  - Learn, respect and follow protocols for consultations
  - Governance, consent process, control, access, protocols, and others

➡ Goal of Consultations: Nothing with us without us
Northern First Nations Biobank Advisory Committee (NFNBAC)

- Resolution passed in October 2016 at FNHA Northern Regional Caucus to support NBI and NBI consultations, and to start NFNBAC

- NFNBAC membership includes subregional representatives

- NFNBAC has had its first meeting in November 2017

- Planning 2nd NFNBAC meeting
Research Ethics Board (REB) Approval

- Harmonized Review:
  - UNBC Board of Record
  - University of BC REB
  - Northern Health Authority REB
  - FNHA Letter of Confirmation

- REB Approval March 9th, 2018

- What does it mean to northern BC First Nations that we have REB approval??
Consultations with First Nations in Northern BC: Strategy

- **Key Informant Interviews**
  - Chiefs and Health Directors/Leads
  - Invitation letter
  - Sign up at NBI Information booth

- **Community Member Focus Groups**
  - NBI Team to hold focus groups in towns in each subregion
  - NBI Presentation followed by focus group session
  - Community members
Announcement & Questions?

- NBI Dinner and Information Session
  - The Keg, Wednesday April 11th, 5:30p-8:00p
  - Please RSVP at NBI Info Booth
  - Brooke.Boswell@unbc.ca | 250 612 8087

- Questions?
  - Nadine will be at NBI Info Booth this afternoon, and The Keg this evening
  - Please see Brooke or NBI Staff for materials, questions, assistance