

North East Engagement Area Communique

Fall 2015

Sandra Garbitt, North East Community Engagement
Coordinator



North East Community Engagement area:

McLeod Lake Indian Band, to Fort Nelson First Nation (679 km) other communities include West Moberly First Nation, Saulneau First Nation, Halfway River First Nation, Doig River First Nation, Blueberry River First Nation & Prophet River First Nation.

UPDATE

Following our last Regional Caucus, our Sub-Region began working on the following initiatives and partnerships to address priorities in the Sub-Region:

- **Safer Communities**

In partnership with Red Cross, communities Blueberry River First Nation, Sauleau First Nation and Fort St. John Urban (Treaty 8 Tribal Association) participated in this training. Northern Health Authority also provided mental health supports to trainees during this session if needed.

- **Patient Journey Mapping**

In partnership with Northern Health Authority, all communities participated in Patient Journey Mapping sessions with the exception of West Moberly First Nation (scheduled for November 2015) and McLeod Lake Indian Band.

- **Journey to Healing**

In partnership with BC Council for Families, Sandra and support staff at Treaty 8 Tribal Association – will be delivering training to the communities as per their schedule. Blueberry River First Nation has already committed to the first session.

- **Emergency Response Training**

In partnership the Red Cross, communities Blueberry River First Nation, Halfway River First Nation, Prophet River First Nation as well as McLeod Lake Indian Band participated and successfully completed First Nations First Responders training in Fort St. John. (North East First Responder Graduates pictured on the right.)



- **Mobile Support Team (MST)**

In partnership between FNHA, Northern Health Authority and communities, Halfway River First Nation, Sauleau First Nation, Blueberry River First Nation, Doig River First Nation and West Moberly First Nation, the Project Advisory Committee continues to meet on implementation of a Mobile Support Team for the communities. The first face-to-face meeting was completed in July 2015.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP UPDATE

- The Treaty 8 Leadership table allowed for one update but Health was removed from the agenda for other business. As well, Treaty 8 Leadership has been extremely busy with industry development and Site C business. Communication will continue and efforts are always made to inform leadership and communities in different formats, including a newsletter.
- FNHC and CEC updates were provided at Fort Nelson First Nation, Prophet River First Nation, McLeod Lake Indian Band as well as Sauleau First Nation.
- CEC continues to work with communities to ensure there are Community Engagement sessions in all of the communities. Some communities are more active in participating in these sessions than others.
- CEC attended various events in the past few months, including the AGA in McLeod Lake Indian Band and Sauleau First Nation Health Fair which was in partnership with West Moberly First Nations.

WORKPLANS

Overall, our communities are engaged in the process of partnership and collaboration. Geographic distance is a factor for many of the initiatives and the awareness that the approach of complimenting the sub-regional health plan is beneficial to each of the communities as well as the Northern Regional Health plan. A number of our communities have explored alternative medicine (acupuncture) as well as traditional medicine as an approach to general health.



SUPPORTING NORTH EAST COMMUNITIES

- Assisted and supported initiative **Cultural Resources & Protocols** – NHA (AHIC initiative) this program/project is in partnership with Treaty 8 Tribal Association in addition FNHA.

- Assisted and submitted project on behalf of Health Leads in the North East in developing a curriculum for service providers in the North East '**Tse Kwa Heritage Society**' compiled and developed.
- CEC submitted program funding application for the following: West Moberly First Nation and Prophet River First Nation
- Nations in the Northeast have expressed interest in learning more about e-Health. Physician shortage and costs for medical transportation have been issues/priorities since the inception of Hub. Adequate technology is essential in moving forward with this service becoming a reality and eHealth has been working with the Northern Regional FNHA Office and communities to inform them through sub-regional caucuses, information updates and continued communication. CEC will continue to support relationship building between communities and e-Health.
- CEC and support have been on hand to support communities in assisting with various reports and planning for initiatives that will assist Leads in community health planning.
- CEC and support have also been on hand to lend support to colleagues from FNHA – Funding Arrangements Advisors
- CEC also supports communities who have suffered loss by connecting them to the appropriate resources. Please let Sandra know if you require support.
- CEC also welcomes new Health Leads to the Sub-Region by ensuring they have completed their registration for the FNHDA and by providing an overview of CEC role.



AHIC

CEC has attended the majority of the AHIC sessions as well sits on committee as Co-chair. In instances where she was unavailable to support, Alisa Froh attended on her behalf. The most recent AHIC Gathering held in Prince George was a success and there was high participation from the North East. The patient Journey mapping findings were shared prior to attending the AHIC gathering as well as at the Gathering.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Sandra Garbitt
 Community Engagement Coordinator - NE
Sandra.garbitt@fnha.ca