



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