

Community Engagement Coordinator

Sub-Regional Caucus Report

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Sub-Region: North Central

Engagement Area: Carrier Lakes

Carrier Lakes Nations: Burns Lake Band, Cheslatta Carrier Nation, Nee Tahi Buhn Band, Skin Tyee Nation, Stellat'en First Nation, Takla Lake First Nation, Wet'suwet'en First Nation, Yekooche First Nation



Successes

Some of the successes within the Carrier Lakes region are community based and some successes are region based. One of the key regional successes was the completion of the Aftercare Strategy project with Carrier Sekani Family Services (CSFS) that was funded with FNHA Regional Envelope dollars. The Aftercare Strategy, which was developed for the Nations within the CSFS health transfer umbrella, does outline the needs and goals that have been identified by all ten (10) CSFS communities. This aftercare strategy document is now used as the basis for implementing effective aftercare within community that is based on community resources as well as to work at enhancing aftercare services for each Nation.

CSFS has also had National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) workers' strategic planning sessions that involve prioritizing the recommendations that have been identified within the BC NNADAP Program Review.

Allocation of the Regional Envelope Funds for the Carrier Lakes region for this fiscal year has been determined by the health leads from each community. In light of the current opiate crisis, they have collectively agreed to develop an Opiate Strategy that will be specific to the needs of their communities. The application for the strategy was completed by Rhoda Hallgren and Mabel Louie with input from Dr. Travis Holyk. The application has been submitted and is pending approval.

Community successes include:

- Takla Lake First Nation community planning session on June 5-7, 2017. TLFN has begun the process of developing their community strategic plan.
- Skin Tyee First Nation culture camp was held on August 7-11, 2017 with their health fair included on August 9 at Ootsa Lake Dam.
- Stellat'en First Nation held the grand opening of their new health centre on August 30, 2017.
- Carrier Sekani Family Services Annual General Assembly was held at the newly build health centre in Nadleh' Whut'en First Nation on September 6 & 7, 2017.

Engagement Activities:

May 16 & 17, 2017: All AHIC Gathering in Prince George BC

June 5-7, 2017: Takla Lake First Nation Community Planning in Takla Landing BC

June 23, 2017: Nutrition Survey Community Engagement Session in Prince George BC

July 18, 2017: Stellat'en First Nation Annual General Assembly in Stellaquo BC

August 9 & 10, 2017: Skin Tyee First Nation Health Fair & Culture Camp at Ootsa Lake BC

August 30, 2017: Stellat'en First Nation Health Centre Grand Opening

September 6, 2017: Carrier Sekani Family Services Annual General Assembly in Nadleh' Whut'en First Nation

September 13, 2017: Stellat'en First Nation Community Engagement Session in Stellaquo

September 29, 2017: Every Child Matters March in Burns Lake BC

Please ensure to contact Rhoda Hallgren to share any upcoming community events that you would like her to attend or to support.

Aboriginal Health Improvement Committee (AHIC) Activity

Rhoda does attend both the Omineca AHIC as well as the Lakes District AHIC.

Both committees are now scheduling meetings within their regions to determine where the priorities are in allocating the allotted \$20,000 for this fiscal year that was announced at the All AHIC Gathering in May 2017.

Next Steps:

Rhoda is currently working on scheduling the community engagement sessions with the remaining seven (7) Carrier Lakes communities.

The information gathered at the community sessions is used to determine community priorities in the following areas:

- Primary Care
- Mental Wellness & Substance Use
- Maternal Child Health
- Population Public Health
- Traditional Wellness

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