

Executive Council Meeting for Mino Bimaadiziwin Partnership Wednesday, February 17, 2021, Time: 12- 1.00 PM Executive Council Minutes

Attended: Shirley Thompson (Chair) – University of Manitoba, Donna Martin- University of Manitoba, Shauna Mallory-Hill-University of Manitoba, Myrle Ballard- University of Manitoba, Babajide Oni– University of Manitoba, Marleny Bonnycastle-University of Manitoba, Panos Polyzois- University of Manitoba, Darryl WASTESICOOT- York Landing First Nation, Rezwanul Hoque

- University of Manitoba, Catrina Salese- University of Manitoba.

Topics	Items of Discussion & Notes	Action/Motion	Person/People Responsible
1. Approve minutes from last meeting	• Motion to accept (no changes) (December 09, 2020, meeting)	1. Donna 2. Jide	
2. Agenda	Approved (no change)	1. Donna 2. Shauna	
3. Project updates	 KITIGAY- Indigenous Food systems education: Details- http://ecohealthcircle.com/kitigay-indigenous-food-initiaitves/ We developed a poster and will have an information season at BON in March via zoom to enlist students. UM's School of Agriculture is on board and already recruited professors. We are planning for the summer training program but considering all factors; we expect to start the program in September. 		BON, Shirley, Jide, Rez
	 WISE Update: Research findings submitted as a paper to the Journal of Agriculture, Food System, and Community Development (JAFSCD). The paper is under review. After last year's baseline survey (n- 169), the first follow-up survey (n- 78) and second follow-up survey (n-29) were done with the same respondents (at-risk FN youths) to see about food, housing, assets and other shifts under COVID-19 and due to training. Both GH and WAS 		Jide & Shirley Jide, Rez



	(survey community) reported 100% food insecurity due to COVID 19. We are in process of sending fishing net to promote healthy activity and to deal with the food issue.		
	 Indigenous Philanthropy Working with two communities- Brokenhead Oijbway Nation and Dakaota Plain Wahpeton Oyate. Brokenhead already got their qualified Donee status and we are filling forms for Dakaota Plain. 	Trea, Keshal	b
	 Home Building and Housing: Shauna had a meeting with Alex & her team on the tiny house building project. Once completed, the house will be moved to OCN to deal with the housing shortage, Courtney Allery, a research assistant at The National Aboriginal Circle Against Family Violence (NACAFV), works on a feasibility study on Second Stage housing in First Nation. The second stage housing is a temporary shelter for a person when they face violence by their intimate partners. 	Shauna, Catrina	
	 Webinars: A series of webinars is occurring. We had 12 webinars in the last three months. Details and video links are available on our website at-http://ecohealthcircle.com/webinar/ We have 3 webinars coming in March 2021. Future Webinar Ideas- i) Panos on his findings on aerosol and airborne transmission policy regarding COVID 19, ii) Webinar with University of Manitoba RESOLVE Network, iii) Food Security (WISE results) & Kitigay, iv) Myrle's work on developing an app for Health directors (official launch of the app Feb 18, 2021), v) Donna and Myrle on Lake St Martin on settlement and community's current challenges. 	Rez, Shirley	
4. Budget update	Spending for student's capacity development is \$ 1,333,182 (81% of total grant) until February 16, 2021. Among them 91% or \$ 1,233,019 spent on students' stipend. And \$100,163 spent on Student i) airfare 38%, ii) safety training and equipment's 22%, iii) workshops registration 8%, iv) miscellaneous conference/travel cost 18%, v) Car rental 3%.	Rez	



5. Anti-		
oppression,		
Reconciliation,		
Inclusion,		
Diversity and		
Equity (RIDE)		

- A draft Mino- Bimaadiziwin Partnership inclusion policy/consideration was accepted unanimously on January 21,2021 which will be revisited for wordsmithing over time.
- We put the policy on our website and we are using it as project's tag line.

Anti-oppression, Reconciliation, Inclusion, Diversity and Equity (ARIDE) Policy

The Mino Bimaadiziwin Partnership stands for inclusion, justice, reconciliation and regenerative societies through critical scholarship and participatory research. The Mino Bimaadiziwin Partnership follows a zero-tolerance policy for oppression or abuse of any kind within our partnership organization. The Partnership considers the denial of racism, colonialism, sexism, gaslighting, and other systemic oppression forms to be an active form of oppression. The Partnership seeks the best available evidence to guide our organizing, education and research. In this effort, we listen openly and support victims who shed light on any form of violence, abuse or alienation practiced in our white supremacy-inspired, male-dominated culture. We pledge to be mindful of fairness and due process, recognizing how frequently victims are further victimized in sharing their stories. We work to be a safe and sincere place for dialogue. We acknowledge our privilege in society and the need to explore our own biases. The Partnership pledges to stand against any form of violence, abuse or alienation.

6. Adjourn

1:00

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