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WELCOME

The National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health (NCCIH) is pleased to present a four-part virtual series that will look at the experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples and communities with COVID-19.

The series will run over four Wednesdays on January 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 2021 from 10 AM – 12:30 PM PST.

January 13, 2021

Indigenous governance and self-determination in planning and responding to COVID-19

January 20, 2021

Socio-economic impacts of COVID-19 on the health and well-being of First Nations, Inuit and Métis populations

January 27, 2021

Data collection on COVID19 cases in First Nations, Inuit and Métis populations and communities

February 3, 2021

Innovative public health messaging on COVID-19 and Indigenous Peoples



EVENT DESCRIPTION

This session, *Indigenous governance and self-determination in planning and responding to COVID-19*, brings together expert speakers working in a diversity of public health fields across Canada, including:

- Dr. Danièle Behn-Smith, Deputy Provincial Health Office, BC
- Minnie Grey, Inuit Circumpolar Council of Canada
- Natan Obed, Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami
- Tanya Davoren, Métis Nation British Columbia
- Dr. Shannon McDonald, First Nations Health Authority
- Marion Crowe, First Nations Health Managers Association
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This panel will explore the role of Indigenous governance and self-determination in community responses to COVID-19, public health measures, and pandemic planning. Within this context, the speakers will discuss the challenges and opportunities for meeting First Nations, Inuit and Métis community program and service needs and how these have been addressed during this public health emergency.



Session 1: Wednesday, January 13, 2021

10:00 AM *Welcome to the Virtual Series*

- Dr. Margo Greenwood, Academic Leader, NCCIH

Opening Prayer

- Elder Roberta Price

10:15 AM *The role of self-determination and sovereignty in relation to Indigenous peoples' pandemic planning and response*

- Dr. Danièle Behn-Smith, Deputy Provincial Health Office, BC

10:30 AM *Informing Inuit community response at the circumpolar region*

- Minnie Grey, Chair of the Circumpolar Inuit Health Steering Committee

10:45 AM *Inuit Governance and Self Determination in Planning and Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic*

- Natan Obed, President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

11:00 AM *Question and Answer Session*

- Dr. Margo Greenwood, Academic Leader, NCCIH

11:15 AM *Cultural Performance*

- Darren Lavallee





AGENDA

Session 1: Wednesday, January 13, 2021

- 11:25 AM** *Self-determination in addressing gaps in Métis service and community needs*
 - Tanya Davoren, Senior Director, Métis Nation BC
- 11:40 AM** *Challenges to self-determination in relation to COVID-19 public health measures*
 - Dr. Shannon McDonald, First Nations Health Authority
- 11:55 AM** *The FNHMA Response to COVID-19*
 - Marion Crowe, CEO, First Nations Health Managers Association
- 12:10 PM** *Question and Answer Session*
 - Dr. Margo Greenwood, Academic Leader, NCCIH
- 12:25 PM** *Closing Prayer*
 - Elder Roberta Price

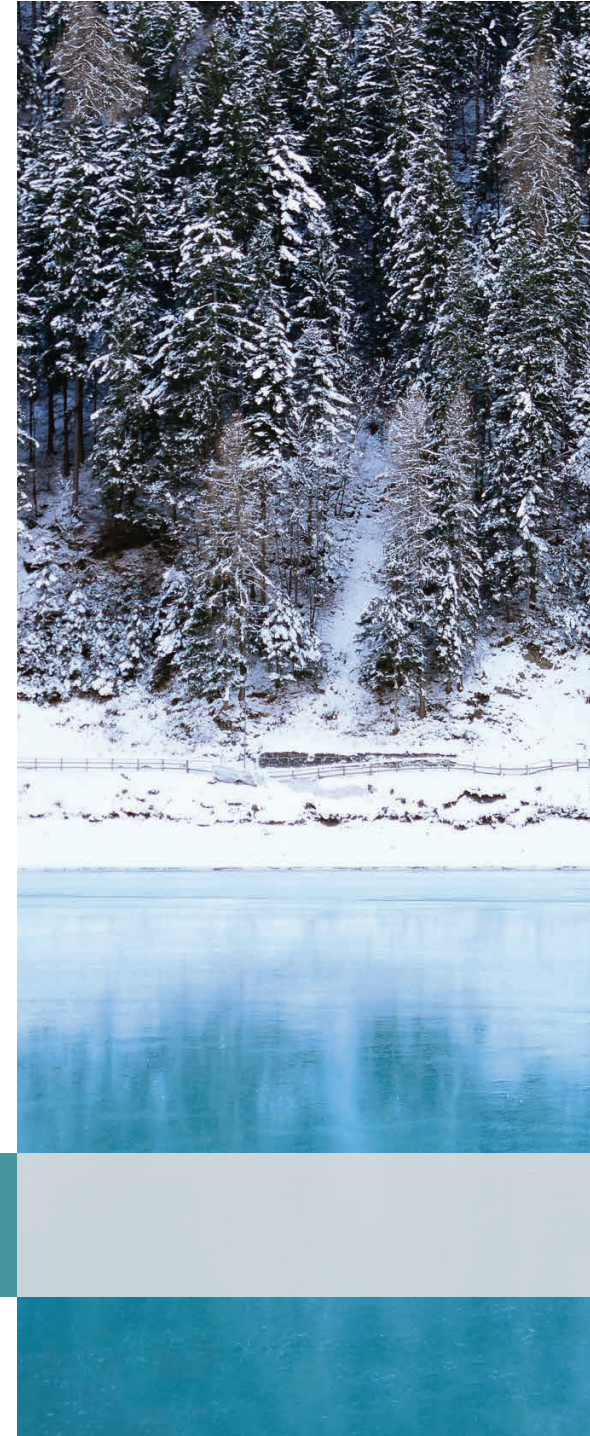




Dr. Margo Greenwood Academic Lead, National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health (NCCIH)

Dr. Margo Greenwood, Academic Leader of the National Collaborating Centre for Indigenous Health, is an Indigenous scholar of Cree ancestry with years of experience focused on the health and well-being of Indigenous children, families and communities. She is also Vice-President of Indigenous Health for the Northern Health Authority in British Columbia and Professor in both the First Nations Studies and Education programs at the University of Northern British Columbia. While her academic work crosses disciplines and sectors, she is particularly recognized for her work in early childhood care and education of Indigenous children and for

public health. Margo has undertaken work with UNICEF, the United Nations, the Canadian Council on Social Determinants of Health, Public Health Network of Canada, and the Canadian Institute of Health Research, specifically, the Institute of Population and Public Health. Margo received the Queen's Jubilee medal in 2002 in recognition of her tireless work to promote awareness and policy action on the rights and well-being of Indigenous and non-Indigenous children, youth and families. In 2010, she was named 'Academic of the Year' by the Confederation of University Faculty Associations of British Columbia, and in the following year, she was honoured with the National Aboriginal Achievement Award for Education.





Dr. Danièle Behn Smith Deputy Provincial Health Office, BC

Dr. Danièle Behn Smith has been working to support Indigenous health in the Office of the Provincial Health Officer since 2015.

Dr. Behn Smith works alongside Dr. Bonnie Henry, Provincial Health Officer. Dr. Behn Smith provides independent advice and support to the Ministry of Health on Indigenous health issues. In support of the ministry's strategic agenda, Dr. Behn Smith works in meaningful partnership with Indigenous collectives, communities and organizations to advance wellness and disrupt colonial practices and policies.

Dr. Behn Smith is Eh Cho Dene (Big Animal People) of the Fort Nelson First Nation in B.C. with French Canadian/Métis roots in the Red River Valley. Since getting her Doctor



of Medicine from McMaster University and completing residencies at the universities of Ottawa and Manitoba, Dr. Behn Smith's career has spanned the country and the globe.

She has practiced rural medicine in remote and First Nations communities across Canada. She was a board director for the Indigenous Physicians Association of Canada, the director of education for the University of Alberta's Indigenous Health Initiatives Program and the site director of the University of British Columbia's Aboriginal Family practice residency. Since 2014, she has transitioned to a functional medicine practice. Functional medicine is a complex systems biology approach to family practice that resonates with Indigenous approaches to health and healing.

Dr. Behn Smith was also the host of "Medicine Woman", a 13-episode television series which explored traditional healing practices in ten countries on six continents.



Minnie Grey Inuit Circumpolar Council of Canada

Minnie Grey is involved in fostering Inuit well-being in the communities of her region of Nunavik, in Canada and around the globe. Born in Kangirsuk, a small community situated a few kilometres upstream from Ungava Bay in the Province of Quebec, she has held several positions in the field of health and social services.

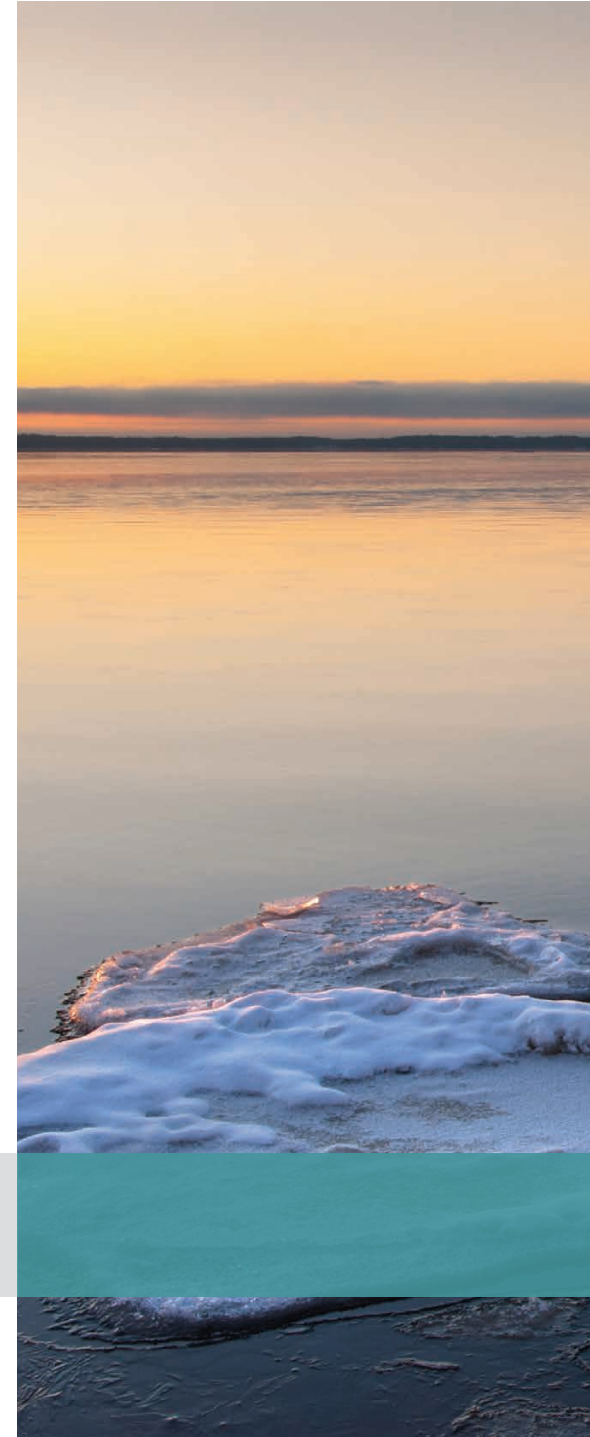
Since 2013, she has been the executive director of the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services. Ms. Grey has held the position of vice-president of the Canadian office of the Inuit Circumpolar Council and been a member of several international and United Nation's committees. She is Chair of the Circumpolar Inuit Health Steering Committee for ICC.



Natan Obed Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Natan Obed is the President of Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the national organization representing Canada's 60,000 Inuit. He is originally from Nain, Nunatsiavut, and currently lives in Ottawa. For 10 years, he lived in Iqaluit, Nunavut, and worked as the director of social and cultural development for Nunavut Tunngavik Inc. (NTI), which represents the rights of Nunavut Inuit.

He has devoted his entire professional career to working with Inuit representational organizations to improve the well-being of Inuit in Canada. He was elected to a three-year term as president in September 2015.





Tanya Davoren Métis Nation British Columbia

Tanya Davoren is in her 13th year as the Senior Director of Health / Mental Health & Addictions for Metis Nation British Columbia. She is passionate and committed to her work and the relationships she has built across numerous sectors. Tanya's career started as a Registered Nurse 20 years ago and worked in hospital as a float RN and then as a Patient Care Coordinator/Nursing Care Clinician before "taking a leap of faith" and going to work for her Metis community at MNBC. She is able to put her health knowledge, advocacy skills and unique leadership style to work and she has grown the MNBC Ministry of Health to a team of eleven staff positioned across the province.

As the Director of Health, she has negotiated many contribution agreements at both the federal and provincial level. Tanya Davoren is



the lead on the information sharing agreement between the BC Ministry of Health and Metis Nation British Columbia's central registry resulting in a Metis Client File of almost 18,000 Citizens. Tanya Davoren is well known in BC for collaborating and for her work in program development and Community outreach.

Combining the celebration of her Métis heritage and her passion for health has created an extremely satisfying career where she has been given the opportunity to actively work towards better health and wellness for her fellow Métis Citizens as MNBC's Senior Director of Health / Mental Health & Addictions.



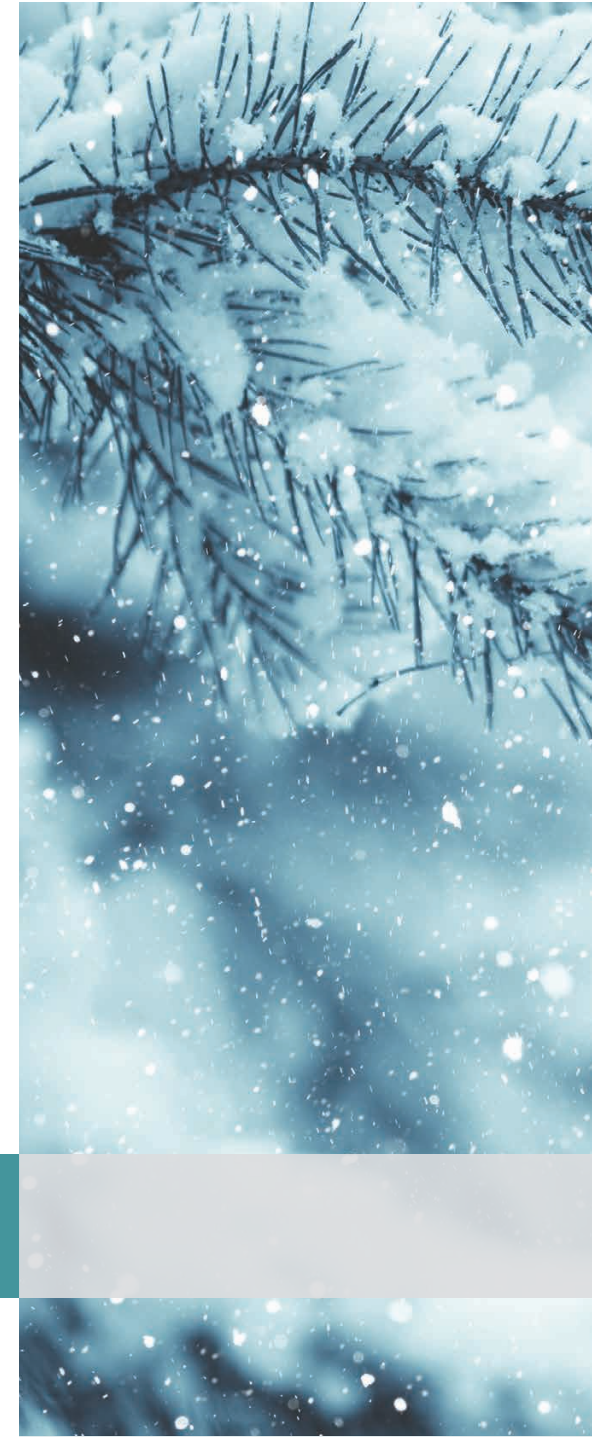
Dr. Shannon McDonald First Nations Health Authority

Dr. Shannon McDonald, Acting Chief Medical Officer at the First Nations Health Authority in BC, is proudly Métis/Anishinabe with deep roots in the Red River Valley of Manitoba, and a trained physician with post-graduate medical training in Community Medicine and Psychiatry. Dr. McDonald has worked for over 20 years in the area of Indigenous health, with broad experience at multiple levels of health care service delivery and health administration in both provincial and federal contexts. Before joining the FNHA three years ago, she served for five years as the Executive Director of Aboriginal Health at the BC Ministry of Health.

Dr. McDonald is a visionary, result-oriented influencer with significant

accomplishments in leading transformative change, including implementation of information and communications technologies. She was awarded BC's Physician Champions of Change award by the Doctors of BC for her leadership and advocacy for physician services in BC's rural and remote First Nations communities. She has also been recognized for effectively representing the needs and interests of Indigenous individuals, families and communities in highly complex, multi-stakeholder and multi-jurisdictional environments. Deeply committed to the principles of supporting capacity and community development as keys to improving health status among all people, Dr. McDonald recognizes and supports the strengths and aspirations of community-level stakeholders.

She is married with five children, one wonderful grandson, and two dogs. She lives in Victoria with her husband.





Marion Crowe CFNHM, CAFM, CAPA First Nations Health Managers Association

Marion is a proud member of the Piapot First Nation in Saskatchewan and was the founding Executive Director, now Chief Executive Officer of the First Nations Health Managers Association.

Assisting community members in the development of professional development opportunities and certification has always been a passion for Marion, as she was a founding Board of Director for the Saskatchewan Chapter of AFOA Canada.

Marion has been awarded achievement milestones, such as: A Health Canada Deputy Minister's Award of Excellence; A Centennial Leadership Award from the Province of Saskatchewan; and the AFOA Canada - Xerox



Canada National Award of Excellence in Aboriginal Leadership in 2015. Marion was also the first person in Canada to receive both her CAFM and CFNHM designations, from AFOA Canada and FNHMA.

On June 21st, 2017 Marion was appointed as the first Indigenous person to The Ottawa Hospital, Board of Governors and currently sits as the Vice Chair of the Quality Committee. Marion is also a member of the Leadership and Governance Technical Committee with the International Health Standards Organisation. In May 2018 Marion attended the Harvard Business School and completed 'Leading People and Investing to Build Sustainable Communities' certificate.

Most recently, Marion has been appointed as the first Indigenous person to the Ottawa Hospital Health Research Institute, Board of Governors and currently sits as the Vice-Chair.

THANK YOU

Elder Roberta Price

Thank you for accepting our invitation to open and close our virtual series in such a kind and generous way.

Darren Lavallee

Thank you for sharing your cultural performance with us today.

