**Southern Chiefs’ Organization**

**Achieving Reconciliation: First Nation Health Gathering**

**RBC Convention Centre**

**Winnipeg, Manitoba**

**DRAFT Agenda**

**(subject to change)**

**March 19, 2024**

**Theme: Why De-colonization is needed to achieve Health Reconciliation**

8:00 am Pipe ceremony – Grandmother Shirley Roulette, Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation

8:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast buffet

8:30 - 8:45 am Welcome and Introduction, Joy Cramer, SCO Chief Executive Officer

8:45 - 8:50 am Pipestone Dakotas Drum Group

8:50 - 8:55 am Opening Prayer *-* Grandmother Dennis Sinclair, Hollow Water First Nation

8:55 - 9:25 am Welcoming Remarks

* Grand Chief Jerry Daniels, Southern Chiefs’ Organization
* Chief Cornell McLean, Lake Manitoba First Nation
* Chief Gordon Bluesky, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation
* Grand Chief Cathy Merrick, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs

9:25 - 9:35 amWelcoming Remarks - Uzoma Asagwara, Deputy Premier of Manitoba, and Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

9:40 - 10:30 am Keynote

1. **Dr. Evan Adams – *From Decolonizing to Indigenizing - Embracing Our Own Excellence in Health & Wellness*** (Tla’amin First Nation, British Columbia)

10:30 - 10:45 am Health break

10:45 - 11:50 am Plenary Panel

1. **Colonialism and First Nations Health**

11:55 - 1:00 pm Plenary Panel

Moderator: Jennifer Moore Rattray, SCO Chief Operating Officer

* Dr. Samir Shaeen - Hussain – *Medical Colonialism Against Indigenous Children in Canada* (Montreal)
* Kathryn Boschmann – *Indigenous Histories of Tuberculosis in Manitoba, 1930-1970* (Winnipeg)
* Naomi Adelson, PhD. Professor – *Medicalization of Historical and Social Inequality* (Toronto Metropolitan University)
* Stacy A. Bohlen – *Colonial Determinants of Health Globally* (Washington)
1. **Legal Liability for Colonial Consequences**

Moderator: Kathleen Mahoney FRSC, KC

* Chief Raymond Flett – *Housing and Living Conditions Class Action* (St. Theresa Point)
* Joy Cramer, SCO CEO – *Child Welfare Class Action – A Cautionary Tale*
* Jonathan Ptak – *Indian hospitals class action* (Toronto)

1:00 - 1:15 Health Break

1:15 - 2:00 pm Lunch - Keynote:

1. **Dr. Phil Fontaine – *Recognition: The Threshold Requirement for De-colonization***(Sagkeeng First Nation)

2:00 - 3:10 pm Plenary Panel

1. **Decolonizing Institutionalized Determinants of Health**

Moderator: Rita Aggarwala

* Mike Gouldhawke – *Decolonization Through Treaties and International Law* (Vancouver, British Columbia) (zoom)
* Mike Sutherland – *Addressing Colonial Impact on First Nation Harvesting Rights* (Peguis First Nation)
* Jennifer Petiquay-Dufresne – *Equitable Access to Social and Health Services* (Montreal)
* Dianne Lafond, First Nations Health Ombudsperson – *Systemic racism in health care* (Saskatoon)

3:10 - 3:15 pm Health Break

3:15 - 4:20 pm Plenary Panel

1. **Cultural Reclamation and Health**

Moderator: Mona Bencharski, Director of Innovation and Special Projects, SCO Health Transformation

* Grandmother Donna Pratt, Dakota Plains Wahpeton Oyate First Nation
* Grandfather Doug Hanska, Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation
* Grandmother Mary Maytwayashing, Lake Manitoba First Nation
* Grandfather Bill Ballantyne, Brokenhead Ojibway Nation

4:25 pm Wrap up – Joy Cramer, SCO CEO

**March 20, 2024**

**Theme – Structural and Transformative Change**

8:00 - 8:30 am Breakfast buffet

8:30 - 8:35 am Joy Cramer, SCO CEO - Recap and Introduction

8:35 - 8:40 am Karlene Debance, Chief Executive Officer, SCO Health Transformation

8:40 - 9:50 am Plenary Panel

1. **Working Towards Reconciliation on First Nation Health**

Moderator: Joy Cramer, SCO CEO

* Jerry Daniels, SCO Grand Chief
* (Panelists TBA)

9:50 - 11:00 am Concurrent Panels:

1. **Transforming First Nations Health Through A Rights-Based Approach**

Moderator: Trechelle Bunn, SCO Youth Chief

* Adjunct Professor Sue-Ann Hunter – *Rights Based Transformative Responses in Health Care for Aboriginals in Australia* (Australia)
* Mick Gooda – *Creating Legislation to Close the Health Gap in Australia* (Australia)
* Nathalie Lachance, Director, Engagement for Indigenous Services Canada – *Co-development of Indigenous Health Legislation: what Co-Development Looks Like*, Amiskwacîwâskahikan (Edmonton) (zoom)
1. **Transforming Indigenous Health Care Through Policy and Partnerships**

Moderator: Karlene Debance, Chief Executive Officer, SCO Health Transformation

* Richard Jock – *The BC First Nations Health Authority – Making it Work* (Vancouver, British Columbia)
* Dr. Josee Lavoie – *Health Policies For Improved Access for Primary Care Across Jurisdictions* (Burlington, Vermont)
* Gail Boehme – *Balancing Western and Traditional Medicines* (Fort Qu’Appelle, Saskatchewan)

11:00 - 11:15 am Health Break

11:15 - 11:45 am Keynote

1. Tara Myran, BA, MDP, PhD (Student) (Long Plain First Nation) and Dr. Jan Stewart (Winnipeg): *Mino-bimaaduziwin (A good life): Integrating Indigenous Teachings and Western Approaches for Holistic Health and Well-Being*.

11:45 pm Lunch

12:15 - 1:15 pm Keynote

Introduced by Joshua Gandier, SCO Youth Chief

1. Kevin Chief – *Sharing Stories of Resiliency and Reconciliation.*

1:00 - 1:15 pm Health Break

1:15 - 2:25 pm Concurrent Panels – *Dealing with First Nations Health Crises Through De-colonization.*

1. **Intergenerational Trauma and Addiction**

Moderator: Grandfather Doug Hanska, Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation

* Carol McCorrister – *De-colonization of Mental Health services, Harm Reduction and Traditional Healers/Land Based Healing* (SCO)
* Suzanne Methot – *Taking Action for Young Adults* (Vancouver)
* (TBA)
1. **Suicide Prevention, Mental Health and Decolonization**

Moderator: Jennifer Moore Rattray, SCO Chief Operating Officer

* Dr. Ed Connors – *Suicide Prevention to Life Promotion* (Kahnawake Mohawk Territory)
* Dr. Lisa Wexler, Professor of Social Work – *Culturally Responsive Suicide Prevention* (Alaska) (zoom)
* Trevor Hayhurst - *Understanding Mental Health and Substance Misuse* (Sioux Valley Dakota Nation)

2:25 - 2:40 pm Health Break

2:40 – 3:50 pm Panel

1. **Transgender Wellness from First Nations perspectives**

Moderator: Melanie Ferris, SCO Director of Communications

* Dr. Albert McLeod – *Educating people about Indigenous LGBTQ+ people, decolonization* (Winnipeg)
* Jennifer Moore Rattray – *The MMIWG Final Report and Women’s Health* (SCO)
* TBA

2:40 - 4:15 pm Keynote

Introduced by Myles Courchene, SCO Health Transformation Senior Policy Analyst

1. **Craig Abotossaway, *Exploring the Concept of Indigegogy – A modern look into the relevance of Indigenous Health Practices in a modern setting*** (Aundeck Omni Kaning First Nation, Manitoulin Island, Ontario).

4:20 pm Wrap up – Joy Cramer, SCO CEO

5:00 - 6:00 pm Meet and Greet Reception

6:00 - 7:00 Powwow dancers

**March 21, 2024**

**Theme – The Way Forward**

8:00 - 8:45 am Breakfast buffet

8:45 - 9:00 am Recap – Joy Cramer, SCO CEO

9:00 - 9:30 am Guest Speaker (TBA)

9:35 - 10:45 am Plenary Panel

1. **SCO First Nation Health Directors**

Moderator: Melanie Ferris, SCO Director of Communications

* Gwen Traverse, Pinaymootang First Nation
* Evelyn Pratt, Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation
* Virginia Lukianchuk, Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation
* Teresa Mekish, Swan Lake First Nation

10:45 am Closing Remarks – Grand Chief Jerry Daniels

* Closing Prayer – Grandfather Dennis Sinclair
* Spirit Sands Drum Group - Travelling Song