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Southern Chiefs' Organization (SCO) Achieving Reconciliation: First Nation Health Gathering RBC Convention Centre, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Agenda

March 19, 2024

Theme: Why De-Colonization is Needed to Achieve Health Reconciliation

8:00 am: Pipe ceremony - Grandmothers Shirley Roulette, and Irene Pelletier, (Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation)

8:00 - 8:30 am: Breakfast buffet

8:30 - 8:35 am: Welcome and introduction, Joy Cramer, SCO Chief Executive Officer (Sagkeeng Anicinabe First Nation)

8:35 - 8:45 am:

- Pipestone Dakotas Drum Group (Canupawakpa Dakota Nation)
- Opening prayer - Grandfather Dennis Sinclair, (Hollow Water First Nation)
- Land Acknowledgment - Chief EJ Fontaine, (Sagkeeng Anicinabe First Nation)

8:45 - 9:20 am: Welcoming remarks

- Grand Chief Jerry Daniels, Southern Chiefs' Organization (Long Plain First Nation)
- Chief Cornell McLean, (Lake Manitoba First Nation)
- Chief Gordon Bluesky, (Brokenhead Ojibway Nation)
- Grand Chief Cathy Merrick, Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs (Pimicikamak Cree Nation)
- Grand Chief Garrison Settee, Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak (Pimicikamak Cree Nation)

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9:20 - 9:30 am: Welcoming remarks from Government of Canada, Terry Duguid, Member of Parliament, Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister

9:30 - 9:40 am: Welcoming remarks from Government of Manitoba, Uzoma Asagwara, Deputy Premier of Manitoba and Minister of Health, Seniors and Long-Term Care

9:40 - 10:30 am: Keynote

Introduced by Joy Cramer, SCO Chief Executive Officer (Sagkeeng Anicinabe First Nation)

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

10:30 - 10:45 am: Health break

10:45 - 11:50 am: Plenary panel

2. Colonialism and First Nations Health

Moderator: Jennifer Moore Rattray, SCO Chief Operating Officer (Peepeekisis Cree Nation)

- Dr. Samir Shaheen-Hussain – *Medical Colonialism Against Indigenous Children in Canada*, Tio'tia:ke, Montreal, Quebec
- Kathryn Boschmann – *Indigenous Histories of Tuberculosis in Manitoba, 1930-1970*, Winnipeg, Manitoba
- Dr. Naomi Adelson, Professor – *Medicalization of Historical and Social Inequality*, Toronto, Ontario
- Stacy A. Bohlen – *Colonial Determinants of Health Globally* (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), Washington, DC

11:55 am - 1:00 pm: Plenary panel

3. Legal Liability for Colonial Consequences

Moderator: Kathleen Mahoney, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, King's Counsel

- Chief Raymond Flett – *Housing and Living Conditions Class Action* (St. Theresa Point Anisiniwew Nation)

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- Margaret Swan, Director of Child Welfare, Southern Network of Care – *Child Welfare Class Action – A Cautionary Tale* (Lake Manitoba First Nation)
- Jonathan Ptak – *Indian Hospitals Class Action*, Toronto, Ontario

1:00 - 1:15 pm: Health break

1:15 - 2:00 pm: Lunch keynote

4. Dr. Phil Fontaine – *Recognition: The Threshold Requirement for De-Colonization* (Sagkeeng Anicinabe First Nation)

2:00 - 3:10 pm: Plenary panel

5. Decolonizing Institutionalized Determinants of Health

Moderator: Rita Aggarwala (Bachelor of Laws, Calgary, Alberta)

- 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*, Atikamekw Nation of Manawan, Québec
- Dianne Lafond – *Systemic Racism in Health Care* (Muskeg Lake Cree Nation), Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

3:10 - 3:25 pm: Health break

3:25 - 4:25 pm: Plenary panel

6. Cultural Reclamation and Health

Moderator: Mona Bencharski, Director of Innovation and Special Projects, SCO Health Transformation (Minegoziibe Anishinabe)

- Grandmother Donna Pratt, (Dakota Plains Wahpeton Oyate First Nation)
- Grandfather Doug Hanska, (Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation)
- Grandmother Mary Maytwayashing, (Lake Manitoba First Nation)

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- Grandfather Bill Ballantyne, (Brokenhead Ojibway Nation)

4:25 pm: Wrap up – Joy Cramer, SCO Chief Executive Officer (Sagkeeng Anicinabe First Nation)

5:00 - 6:00 pm: Meet and greet reception

6:00 - 7:00 pm: Cultural Performance

March 20, 2024

Theme – Structural and Transformative Change

8:00 - 8:30 am: Breakfast buffet

8:30 - 8:40 am: Recap and Welcome - Karlene Debance, CEO, SCO Health Transformation

8:45 - 9:55 am: Concurrent panel

7. Transforming First Nations Health Through a Rights-Based Approach

Moderator: Tréchelle Bunn, SCO Youth Chief (Birdtail Sioux Dakota Nation)

- Sue-Ann Hunter, Adjunct Professor – *Rights Based Transformative Responses in Health Care for Aboriginals in Australia* (Kulin Nation) Australia
- Chief Cornell McLean – *Standing Strong for our Rights: The Urgent Matter of Transforming Health for Lake Manitoba First Nation Citizens* (Lake Manitoba First Nation)
- Julien Castonguay, Director General, Indigenous Services Canada – *Co-Development of Indigenous Health Legislation: What Co-Development Looks Like*, Ottawa, Ontario

8:45 - 9:55 am: Concurrent panel

8. Transforming Indigenous Health Care Through Policy and Partnerships

Moderator: Karlene Debance, CEO, SCO Health Transformation

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- Richard Jock – *The BC First Nations Health Authority – Making it Work* (Mohawks of Akwesasne), Vancouver, British Columbia
- Dr. Josee Lavoie – *Health Policies for Improved Access for Primary Care Across Jurisdictions*, Burlington, Vermont
- Gaylene Anaquod, along with Lorna Breitreuz – *Balancing Western and Traditional Medicines*, Fort Qu’Appelle, Saskatchewan

9:55 - 10:10 am: Health break

10:10 - 10:45 am: Keynote

Introduced by Mona Bencharski, Director of Innovation and Special Projects, SCO Health Transformation (Minegoziibe Anishinabe)

9. Tara Myran, PhD student and Dr. Jan Stewart: *Mino-bimaaduziwin (A good life): Integrating Indigenous Teachings and Western Approaches for Holistic Health and Well-Being* (Long Plain/Swan Lake First Nation), Winnipeg, Manitoba

10:45 - 12:00 pm: Keynote

Introduced by Joshua Gandier, SCO Youth Chief (Peguis First Nation)

10. Kevin Chief – *Sharing Stories of Resiliency and Reconciliation* (Minegoziibe Anishinabe)

12:00 - 12:45 pm: Lunch and Entertainment

- Anishinaabe Girls Choir – Zoongi Ogichidaa Anishinaabe Nagamoog (12:10 - 12:40 pm)

12:45 - 2:00 pm: **Concurrent panel – *Dealing with First Nations Health Crises Through De-Colonization***

11. Intergenerational Trauma and Problematic Substance Use

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, Peguis First Nation)

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- Suzanne Methot - *Taking Action for Young Adults*, Vancouver (zoom)
- Tammy Genaille - *Through the Eyes & Heart of a Matriarch: Discovering the beauty in the ashes, and healing through the impacts of Intergenerational Trauma & Family Addictions* (ancestry from Peguis First Nation and the Métis settlement of Grand Marais)

12:45 - 2:00 pm: **Concurrent panel – *Dealing with First Nations Health Crises Through De-Colonization***

12. Suicide Prevention, Mental Health, 2SLGBTQ+ people, and Decolonization

Moderator: Cheryl Fontaine, Health Transformation Community Engagement Lead (Sagkeeng Anicinabe First Nation)

- Trevor Hayhurst - *Understanding Mental Health and Substance Misuse*, Brandon, Manitoba
- Dr. Albert McLeod - *Educating People about Indigenous LGBTQ+ people, Decolonization* (ancestry from Nisichawayasihk Cree Nation and the Métis communities of Cross Lake and Norway House in northern Manitoba)
- Dr. Ed Connors - *Suicide Prevention to Life Promotion* (Kahnawake Mohawk Territory)
- Dr. Lisa Wexler, Professor of Social Work – *Culturally Responsive Suicide Prevention*, Alaska (zoom)

2:00 - 2:15 pm: Health break

2:15 - 3:15 pm Plenary panel

13. SCO First Nation Health Directors

Moderator: Mona Bencharski, Director of Innovation and Special Projects, SCO Health Transformation (Minegoziibe Anishinabe)

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

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3:15 - 4:30 pm: Keynote

Introduced by Myles Courchene, SCO Health Transformation Senior Policy Analyst (Sagkeeng Anicinabe First Nation)

14. 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

4:30 pm: Closing remarks – SCO Grand Chief Jerry Daniels (Long Plain First Nation)

Closing prayer – Grandfather Dennis Sinclair (Hollow Water First Nation)

Drum group – Spirit Sands Singers (Swan Lake First Nation)