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Hello Everyone!

We are pleased to announce that “Cultural interventions to treat addictions in Indigenous populations: findings from a scoping study” has been accepted for publication in the *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention and Policy Journal*. Please see <http://www.substanceabusepolicy.com/content/9/1/34>. Look forward to other publications from the HOS: CasI project in the future.

Native Wellness Assessment (NWA) piloting with Treatment Centres

Piloting the NWA with Treatment Centres is essential to ensure that we are developing a valid and reliable instrument. All of the Treatment Centres involved in our project are actively involved in pilot testing along with several others that have volunteered to join in. We appreciate the time, commitment, and dedication that all Treatment Centre staff and clients have shown in working together with us during this important phase of the project. As the table below indicates, piloting will continue until December 2014 alongside entering information into our central database. Then we will analyze the information to see whether items are suitable to include in the final instrument. The results will be reviewed in January 2015 by the Indigenous Knowledge Group (IKG) and Treatment Centre representatives with a particular focus on how to score the instrument to ensure that it provides appropriate clinical information in treating clients. In February 2015 we will seek further input and final approval from the IKG and Treatment Centres on the instrument and accompanying manual. In the final month of the project, the NWA will transition to the NNADAP and YSAP Addiction Management Information Systems (AMIS) team for wider application.

Steps ahead for Developing the NWA 2014 - 2015	
Ongoing pilot testing of at Treatment Centres	To Dec
Data entry into central database	
Technical analyses of dataset	Dec - Jan
Indigenous Knowledge Group (IKG) meeting to consult on findings from analyses	Jan
Meeting of Treatment Centre representatives to discuss clinical scoring and interpretation of NWA	
Input from all Treatment Centres on suggested scoring and interpretation	Feb
Final review of feedback by IKG	
Development of manual to accompany NWA	
Final approval from IKG and all Treatment Centres on final instrument and manual	
NWA transitions to NNADAP and YSAP Addiction Management Information Systems (AMIS)	Mar

Please be in touch at any time to share your input and ideas about these or any other aspects of the project going forward by emailing or calling me, Margo Rowan at mar805@mail.usask.ca or 613-841-7520, or our Project Manager, Barb Fornssler, at barb.fornssler@usask.ca or 306-966-7894.