



Honouring Our Strengths: Indigenous Culture as Intervention in Addictions Treatment
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Hello HOS:CasI Team!

Welcome to the final newsletter update for our project - we have a lot to share this month!

All of our efforts in March were put toward finalizing publications, completing the wellness activity guide and handbook that many of you reviewed, and planning the 'next steps' for this work moving forward beyond our project timeline.

The Indigenous Knowledge Group (IKG) also met to finalize the meanings of the assessment outcomes as well as develop the final reporting template to share these scores with clients and their care providers. The integration of our instrument into the Addictions Management Information System (AMIS) is underway and this will facilitate access to the assessment for all NNADAP and YSAP centres. The finalized paper and pencil assessment, along with the first edition of the administration manual, will be provided to everyone on our team once the graphic designer has ensured the instrument is visually appealing to both clients and service providers. Please keep an eye on your email since Colleen, Carol, or Barb will be in touch with this information over the next few months.

The team was in discussion about how to acknowledge and celebrate all that we have achieved on the HOS:CasI project. On June 19, 2015, Colleen Dell and Mary Deleary will be sharing the project findings and outcomes through a dedicated webinar, hosted in collaboration with our project partner CAMH. Everyone is welcome to attend and share in this immense accomplishment. The webinar is scheduled to start at 1pm Toronto local time, and we will have a 'save the date' notice out to the HOS:CasI team shortly. Please keep an eye on your email for further information and please share the invitation with your networks.

While our project has come to completion at the end of March, this important work will be carried forward through NNAPF, the Treatment Centres, and the ongoing relationships that we've fostered and shared during this time working together.

Barb will be sending further communications about the upcoming webinar and she is happy to respond to your inquiries as always. At the end of May, Barb will no longer be the primary contact for this work, but you can stay in touch by connecting with Colleen Dell (Colleen.Dell@usask.ca or phone 306-966-5912) or Carol Hopkins (chopkins@nnapf.com or phone 519-692-9922 ext. 301) anytime.

We offer our gratitude and thank you once more for your hard work, commitment, and dedication to the HOS:CasI project's successful conclusion. We look forward to our pathways connecting again.

Be well and take good care.