



**May 2013**

Hello Everyone!

Here are some of the things we have been busy working on this month to prepare for the National Treatment Centre Gathering that is quickly approaching!

***Integration of Findings from Focus Groups and Scoping Study:***

We are starting to organize and synthesize information that is coming out of our environmental scan and scoping study and will hold several meetings before our Gathering to help integrate this work. There is a considerable amount of information available and only a limited amount of time to prepare; therefore, we have turned our focus to information that will help us at the Gathering. In separate tables we will summarize information across the different sources of knowledge, including: types of cultural interventions, definitions of wellness, and subthemes of wellness. This information will help to stimulate a discussion that will lead to the selection of outcomes, indicators, and items for our measurement instrument.

***Scoping Study:***

The Scoping Study Committee will be meeting on June 18<sup>th</sup> to discuss the results of the scientific and grey literature review. We have identified 21 peer-reviewed articles that will provide us with valuable information about what and how others around the world have investigated culture as an intervention to treat addictions in Indigenous communities. Information is currently being extracted from these articles to identify the types of cultural interventions, themes and subthemes of interest. We have almost completed selection and extraction of information from the grey literature. Approximately 8-12 reports are likely to be included and extracted findings combined with the peer-reviewed evidence.

***National Treatment Centre Gathering:***

Our efforts this month were focused on planning the agenda for our July 23-25, 2013 Gathering. We have had many discussions and planning meetings that have helped to create an agenda along with drafting the Goals of our Gathering.

***Presentations:***

There have been several project-related presentations this month:

- 1) Poster presentation at the U of S *Engaged Scholar Day*.
- 2) Meeting with Corrections Canada to discuss partnerships and research processes used with Aboriginal peoples, using the HOS as an example.
- 3) Presentation at Carleton University's *Qualitatives 2013* conference about the work done previous to and in preparation for the HOS project.
- 4) Acceptance of a paper for presentation to the *Issues of Substance Conference*, in Ottawa, November 1-3, 2013.

Please be in touch at anytime 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](mailto:mar805@mail.usask.ca) or 613-841-7520, or our Project Manager, Barb Fornssler, at [barb.fornssler@usask.ca](mailto:barb.fornssler@usask.ca) or 306-966-7894.