



**Honouring Our Strengths:** Indigenous Culture as Intervention in Addictions Treatment  
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**November 2012**

Hello Everyone!

This has been a very productive month for our project in many ways. Find out more below...

***Environmental Scan Focus Group Gatherings:*** We have held three very successful focus group gatherings at Rising Sun, NB, Wolastoquewiyk, NB, and Nelson House, MB. With only two more groups to book, we are looking forward to the following upcoming gatherings:

- December 10 (evening), 11, 12—White Buffalo, SK
- December 13 (evening), 14, 15—Ekweskeet Healing Lodge, SK
- December 17 (evening), 18, 19—Leading Thunderbird, SK
- January 14 (evening), 15, 16—Saulteaux Healing and Wellness Centre, SK
- January 21 (evening), 22, 23—Tsow-Tun Le Lum, BC
- January 24 (evening), 25, 26—Wanaki, QC
- Feb 1, 2—Nimkee, ON

***Systematic Review:*** We held our first Systematic Review Group meeting on November 8, 2012, at which we introduced ourselves, considered the background and purpose of the review, and discussed the draft work plan. About one third of the 3,884 articles have been screened along with a quarter of the 617 pieces of grey literature we have. To prepare for data extraction of the included literature, we are offering a series of three virtual training sessions on the systematic review process. Our first session is a general introduction to the process and it will be held on December 20, 2012 from 9-11am EST.

***Project Policy on Access to and Use of Articles:*** Given Canada's revised Copyright Legislation, and its impact upon how universities operate, we had to develop a policy for accessing and using articles. It describes how team members can access the articles we identified in the systematic review process for use on the project. Please contact me if you are interested in reviewing a copy of the policy.

***Project Structure:*** There are 11 different groups outlined in the project structure, ranging from the Treatment Centres Working Group to the Project Advisory Team. To help initiate further group activities, we will be contacting all team members before the holidays (by e-mail and then by phone) to get their thoughts on whether they are still interested in being part of their identified group or whether they wish to join another group.

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 [Rowankeon@rogers.com](mailto:Rowankeon@rogers.com) or 613-841-7520, or our project coordinator, Michelle Kushniruk, at [Michelle.Kushniruk@usask.ca](mailto:Michelle.Kushniruk@usask.ca) or 306-966-7894.