

PAC Meeting Minutes

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Present: Donna, Tina, Cheryl – KO Telemedicine Board Room

Audio: Linnea Humphrey, Jay Lambert, Ed Brown, Shannon McDonald

Video: Sabrina Hasham, Loretta Sheshequin, Brian Walmark, Franz Seibel, Penny Carpenter, Stewart Stein

Regrets: Susan Wattam, Valerie Gideon, Addie Pryce, Lucia DiPasquale, Laura Boston, Bruce Sutton, Chief Arthur Moore, Robert Thomas

Meeting begins: 9:30 am:

- Attendance: Donna Williams

1. Proposal Update – Sabrina

- PIA – Sabrina
 - PIA: Supposed to be done a week ago
 - Draft PIA discussion scheduled with Infoway
 - Overall – going well
 - Received legislative analysis
 - OCAP needs to be considered
 - Key stakeholders: LHIN eHealth Strategy: Documents on how we work together
- Technological Infrastructure – Penny
 - The technological infrastructure information is being gathered in the Site Readiness Assessment (SRA)
 - KORI helping to collect this information
 - SSHA connections discussed
 - NAN sites to connect through the new connection
 - Shannon: Talked to Dwayne from FNIH ON?
Penny: yes, will continue discussions

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- John has wiring diagram for Kashechewan, will forward to Penny
- Community Engagement/Site Assessment – Brian/Franz/Tina
 - KORI – Subcontracted on this project
 - Site Readiness Assessment is 3 pages
 - KORI is building relationships with the health directors
 - This is an ongoing process
 - Sabrina:
 - Tina has contacted all the communities
 - John Rowlandson and Sabrina have discussed collaboration between the NAN Expansion Project and the James Bay Telemedicine Project.
 - 3 Communities in common
 - Make sure we're all in sync
 - Donna received a call from David Babin chief of Wagoshig
- Governance – Donna/Robert
 - Proposing an executive committee to oversee Telemedicine
 - Continue Accountability and Community Agreements at community level

2. Communications

- NAN PAC link on KOTM www.telemedicine.knet.ca
- All forms, agendas, etc. will be posted
- No password needed
- Briefing note prepared as requested at last meeting by Valerie Gideon and will be circulated

3. James Bay Update – John Rowlandson

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- John has completed site readiness assessments for James Bay communities and shared them with KOTM.

4. Sustainability Requirements – Roundtable

Two Issues: Implementation Dollars for NAN Expansion and Sustainability Issues for FN Telemedicine

Phase 2 Implementation Dollars

- Had meeting with FedNor on NAN Expansion project. Fednor (Carl Seibel) interested in supporting capital costs of project. Carl will be invited to future PAC meetings.

Sustainability

Proposed Funding Model

- Operations – FINIH ON
- Connectivity – SSHA via MOHLTC
 - Barriers to Connectivity
 - Lack of FN's inclusion in MOHLTC eHealth strategy
 - First Nations not in provincial strategy
 - KOTM met with Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs to showcase program and insure that FN's are not left out of MOHLTC initiatives
 - LHINS 14&13
 - Supportive of SSHA connectivity in First Nations
 - Understand how big this issue is for Northern LHINS (104 communities)
 - Regional and Local Level not satisfied

Shannon McDonald

- Issues
- Election is over, Cabinet not named

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- Economic uncertainty
- Canada Health Infoway and Health Canada working together...Shannon is working with a group of individuals from Health Canada.
- Dollars are just not there for sustainability
- Donna, Valerie, and Shannon to meet

Challenges:

- Ed:
 - eHealth – make sure this is on their agenda
 - Approach this differently – think outside the box to overcome this “connection” barrier
- Donna:
 - Leveraging capacity that has already been developed in FN communities and leadership
 - Chiefs have become engaged around eHealth and want to be involved
- Penny:
 - 11 NAN Expansion Sites at present have SSHA connection
 - Attawapiskat – partial (John)
 - Fort Albany and Kash – prime candidates
- Tina: from a community level
 - What is it that our communities need to do to be heard?
 - Let the government know that we are in need of this service
 - We need eHealth in most of our communities
 - Do we need to come up with more success stories?
 - We still need help/funding
 - We need to strengthen our capacity
 - Youth and elders need stronger voices?

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- Tend to lose focus on the communities
 - Maybe there's something the government needs to hear
- Shannon:
 - Success stories have a lot of power
 - Using media to empower change
 - Need to support those strengths to have a significant change
 - We need to support those strengths, and this has to come from within
 - Communication strategy could go a long way
- Sabrina:
 - Asking all Chiefs for BCR
 - Engage youth, elders and leadership
 - Planning team to come up with more personal stories
- Jay:
 - Chiefs of Ontario Provincial First Nations Telehealth Strategy Meeting scheduled for Nov 26 and 27 in Toronto
 - Chiefs of Ontario looking further into addressing the "connectivity" issue

5. **Clarify issues and next steps**

6. **Next meeting:**

- Monday November 24th at 1:00pm CST/ 2:00 EST

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 am