

BRIEFING NOTE

DATE: February 5, 2015

REFERENCE MATERIAL: 1. [Building Capacity of Ontario NNADAP](#), 2. [Retaining Ontario NNADAP Workers](#), 3. [ORAPC Brochure](#), 4. [ORAPC 2013-2014 Activities](#)

SUBJECT: Update for February 2015 Chiefs of Ontario Health Forum

BACKGROUND: The Ontario Regional Addictions Partnership Committee (ORAPC) represents the Ontario National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) through providing advice, guidance and recommendations to the Chiefs of Ontario through the Health Coordination Unit and Health Canada First Nations & Inuit Health Branch. It consists of representatives from NNADAP within each PTO, NNADAP Treatment Directors and First Nations and Inuit Health.

RATIONALE: Recommendations from the 1998 NNADAP General Review established regional addictions partnership committees across Canada. ORAPC was established in Ontario as the voice of Ontario NNADAP and participated in the regional needs assessments that resulted in the 2011 NNADAP Renewal Framework. The ORAPC continues to be consistent with and support the direction of the 2011 NNADAP Renewal Framework and assists in guiding future initiatives and strategies by providing input on regional and national initiatives in the area of addiction programs and services.

CURRENT STATUS: ORAPC has completed a number of activities and initiatives to date in the 2014/15 fiscal year. These include the following:

- Championing the Investing in NNADAP strategy to improve addictions resources within Ontario's First Nations communities (See [Building Capacity of Ontario NNADAP](#), AOCC Resolution 14/28 "Implementing AOCC Resolution 13/07: Pay Equity Renewal Opportunities (NNADAP)")
- Coordination of the 2014 Ontario NNADAP Training Conference held October 20 – 23, 2014 which provided certified training for 113 Ontario NNADAP Workers
- Ongoing development of a Treatment Readiness Tool Kit resource for Ontario NNADAP Workers
- Developed and distributed the Ontario NNADAP Newsletter (available on website) and the [ORAPC 2013-2014 Activities](#) report to Ontario NNADAP Workers
- Maintained the www.OntarioNNADAP.org website
- Provided communication linkages between the Ontario NNADAP Community-Based and Treatment Centre workers and the Chiefs of Ontario
- Conducted the Ontario NNADAP Questionnaire to identify needs and inform strategic direction of initiatives
- Represented Ontario on the National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Continue to support the ongoing efforts of the Regional Chiefs Committee on Investing in NNADAP as they move forward with lobbying to increase NNADAP core funding to assist communities in providing quality addictions programming and pay equity of NNADAP Community-Based and NNADAP Treatment Centre Workers.
2. Thank-you to those Health Directors, Chief and Councils and Treatment Centre Board of Directors who have supported NNADAP and have ensured NNADAP Workers have received their retention incentives. There continues to be NNADAP workers who do not directly receive these incentives. The ORAPC recommends the Chiefs of Ontario support and encourage the incentive be paid directly to NNADAP Workers in recognition of their enhanced credentials through Addictions Counsellor Certification.

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