

ONTARIO REGIONAL ADDICTIONS PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE (ORAPC)

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The Goals for the Ontario Regional Addictions Partnership Committee (ORAPC) are to:

- (1) Coordinate the recommendations and needs of NNADAP & Treatment Centre workers and gain support through appropriate political structures.
- (2) Elevate the standards of qualifications of NNADAP & Treatment Centre workers for wage parity.
- (3) Actively promote and maintain an effective communication strategy.
- (4) Provide opportunities for NNADAP and Treatment Centre workers to network and participate in cost effective certified training.
- (5) Provide accessible current addiction information, training opportunities and networking possibilities for NNADAP and Treatment Centre workers.

Core Elements/Objectives	Activities	April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009																								
1. To provide advice/guidance/ Recommendations to leadership through the Chiefs of Ontario office to solicit necessary funding in accordance with the NNADAP Review and the current needs and recommendations of NNADAP workers to bring about the highest level of quality service provision.	<p>(a) Stay current on NNADAP and other regional and national activities pertaining to addictions and holistic healing programs.</p> <p>(b) Hold 3 regular Committee meetings.</p>	<p>The Walpole Island First Nation signed contribution agreement with Health Canada to be Transfer Payment Agency on behalf of the Ontario Regional Addictions Partnership Committee.</p> <p>There were a total of 11 ORAPC meetings held for this reporting period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Five Teleconference Meetings held: <table border="0"> <tr> <td></td> <td align="right">Attendance</td> </tr> <tr> <td>May 20, 2008</td> <td align="right">7</td> </tr> <tr> <td>June 17, 2008</td> <td align="right">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 3, 2008</td> <td align="right">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>October 20, 2008</td> <td align="right">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 7, 2008</td> <td align="right">11</td> </tr> </table> • Three Regular ORAPC Meetings: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>September 9 & 10, 2008 held in Sudbury, Ontario</td> <td align="right">9</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February 3 & 4, 2008 held in Toronto, Ontario</td> <td align="right">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March 10 – 12, 2008 held in Toronto, Ontario</td> <td align="right">9</td> </tr> </table> • Three Special ORAPC Meetings were held in conjunction with the 2008 NNADAP Conference: <table border="0"> <tr> <td>November 24, 2008 held in Toronto, Ontario</td> <td align="right">12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 25, 2008 held in Toronto, Ontario</td> <td align="right">12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>November 27, 2008 held in Toronto, Ontario</td> <td align="right">12</td> </tr> </table> 		Attendance	May 20, 2008	7	June 17, 2008	10	October 3, 2008	10	October 20, 2008	10	November 7, 2008	11	September 9 & 10, 2008 held in Sudbury, Ontario	9	February 3 & 4, 2008 held in Toronto, Ontario	10	March 10 – 12, 2008 held in Toronto, Ontario	9	November 24, 2008 held in Toronto, Ontario	12	November 25, 2008 held in Toronto, Ontario	12	November 27, 2008 held in Toronto, Ontario	12
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORAPC Representative attended (observer status only) the National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation Board meeting held March 20 – 23, 2009. • ORAPC Representatives participated in the Chiefs of Ontario, Health Planning Forum held in Toronto, Ontario, April 22, 23, 24, 2008. Forum participants provided feedback into Chiefs’ First Nations Strategic Health Planning process. • ORPAC Representatives attended the Ontario Chiefs’ Conference held in Red Rock First Nation, June 3 -5, 2009; to provide ORAPC Update and Recommendations regarding NNADAP addictions services. The Chiefs were provided with copies of Summary Report of Accomplishments, Highlights and Future Directions” and the 2007/08 Conference Final Report. • Vacancies on the Committee remain a challenge. As at March 31, Committee requires two UNION representatives.
<p>2. To continue to provide a communication linkages between First nations leadership, NNADAP Community-based, Treatment Centre and Solvent Abuse Centre workers.</p>	<p>(a) Gather current information on the diverse needs of First Nations communities in Ontario relating to addictions.</p> <p>(b) Participate in the Regional Needs Assessment.</p>	<p>ORAPC recognizes the importance of evidence-based information gathering and decision-making and has continued to gather data and participate in addictions related studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A NNADAP Working Session, held in conjunction with the 2008 NNADAP Conference, facilitated networking opportunities among Ontario’s NNADAP workers and sharing common and best practices with their communities. A compilation of results are listed in the Conference Final Report. • Two ORAPC representatives were appointed to the Ontario Regional Needs Assessment Advisory Committee with the Chiefs of Ontario office and have attended 6 Advisory meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> April 8, 2008 Chiefs of Ontario office, Toronto July 21, 2008 Chiefs of Ontario office, Toronto August 18, 2008 Chiefs of Ontario office, Toronto October 15, 2008 Teleconference Meeting December 2, 2008 Chiefs of Ontario office, Toronto March 2 & 3, 2009 Chiefs of Ontario office, Toronto • At the 2008 NNADAP Conference, NNADAP workers participated in focus groups and survey completion exercises as part of the Regional Needs Assessment data gathering processes.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORAPC continues to maintain a database and contact information for NNADAP Community-based, Treatment centre and Solvent Abuse Centre workers.
<p>3. Development of a NNADAP Vision and Strategic Plan, to include wage parity.</p>	<p>(a) Initial development of a 5-Year Training Schedule in cooperation with FNIH.</p> <p>(b) Work towards the development of standards and scope of duties for NNADAP Community-based and Treatment Centre workers.</p> <p>(c) Work towards accreditation for NNADAP Community-based and Treatment Centre programs and Addiction Certification for workers.</p> <p>(d) Coordinate training opportunities as resources become available.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary discussions have led to the development of a draft Five-Year Training Plan, dated May 2009. The draft plan outlines Addictions Training Priorities & Core Competencies, Five-Year NNADAP Training options, Specialized Training components, draft 2009 Proposed NNADAP Wage Range, Position Requirements and Training Needs, and a listing of Training Organizations and Descriptions. • Facilitated an additional 16 community-based and treatment centre workers applications with the First Nations Wellness/Addictions Certification Board as of March 31, 2009. • The following additional localized training initiatives have been held: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Linking Trauma to Mental Health & Addictions, TAPE Educational Services Administered by Native Horizons Treatment Centre February 24 – 26, 2009. Attendance: 16 participants. (2) Working with Groups, TAPE Educational Services Administered by Migisi Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centre March 16 & 17, 2009. Attendance: 12 participants. (3) Motivating Clients to Change Addictive Behaviour, TAPE Educational Services Administered by Migisi Alcohol and Drug Treatment Centre March 18 & 19, 2009. Attendance: 12 participants. (4) Addictions & Trauma, TAPE Educational Services Administered by Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre March 6 & 7, 2009. Attendance: 16 participants. (5) Relapse & Recovery, TAPE Educational Services Administered by Ngwaagan Gamig Recovery Centre March 30, 2009. Attendance: 12 participants. (6) Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, Bill Tibbo & Associates Administered by Native Horizons Treatment Centre March 28 – 31, 2009. Attendance: 20 participants.

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<p>4. Host the 2008/2009 NNADAP Addictions Conference.</p>	<p>(a) Prepare proposal and secure funding for conference. (b) Oversee planning, organization, and delivery of conference. (c) Ensure preparation of evaluation and final conference report.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2008 NNADAP Addictions Conference was hosted at the Airport Marriott in Toronto, Ontario, November 24 – 27, 2008. The number of participants in attendance was 92 NNADAP workers including 12 ORAPC members. The Conference offered 5 certified training workshops: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Introduction to Psycho-Pharmacology – TAPE Educational Services (2 days) (2) Working with Concurrent Disorders – TAPE Educational Services (2 days) (3) Addictions and Trauma – TAPE Educational Services (1 day) (4) Solution-Focused Basic Skills – TAPE Educational Services (1 day), and (5) HIV/AIDS – Ontario Aboriginal HIV and AIDS Strategy (1 day). • The Final Conference Report was approved at the February 3, 2009 ORAPC Meeting and has been distributed to Conference participants, Health Coordination Unit, First Nation & Inuit Health.
<p>5. Seek funding for the development and maintenance of a NNADAP Website.</p>	<p>(a) Strike a Subcommittee to research the developmental needs for NNADAP Website.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Committee has looked at preliminary costs associated with the developmental needs for a NNADAP Website. Funding remains an issue in the development of this communication tool.

<p>Submitted by:</p>	<p>Title: NNADAP Program Coordinator Bkejwanong First Nation</p>	<p>Date: June 30, 2009.</p>
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