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## **National First Nations and Inuit Injury Prevention Working Group**

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# **Meeting Brief**

**NO:2**

October 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2000 Ottawa

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### **Background**

The inaugural meeting of this group, as a formalized Working Group, took place in February 2000. Previous to the inaugural meeting, held in February, discussions and deliberations had taken place through national focus group consultations. The newly formed *National First Nations and Inuit Injury Prevention Working Group* met for its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on June 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Given the newness of the national working group, June's agenda was balanced to ensure the finalization of Terms of Reference and conducting work to 'build a strong national case.' First Nations and Inuit have identified the need to place INJURY on Canada's health agenda as a major health priority, in line with mental health, diabetes and HIV. Although there is growing momentum in injury prevention within Canada, it remains largely uncoordinated and unsupported. As a beginning, this group has come together to provide a 'national voice' for direction, specifically dedicated to:

- 1) the development and promotion of a national framework for injury prevention and control, which is culturally relevant to First Nations and Inuit populations; and
- 2) ongoing work on injury prevention.

The group receives Secretariat support from the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch of Health Canada. National and regional (injury prevention related) information updates will form a standard agenda item for all

## NEWS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

The 6<sup>th</sup> World Conference on Injury Prevention and Control will be hosted by Canada, and held in Montreal QuJbec, in May of 2002.

NIICHRRO, has recently released a new resource 'Active Living for Aboriginal Seniors'

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## AVAILABLE INFORMATION

i) **Terms of Reference** (dated June 2000)

ii) **Communication Backgrounder** (dated October 2000). This document shares information about the problem of injury among First Nations and Inuit and the need for a culturally relevant framework for injury prevention and control; reflects on milestones achieved to date and the path to action on injuries being developed; and outlines how the national working group was formed and the journey being undertaken.

iii) **Meeting Brief No: 1** (June 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 2000)

meetings. Significant highlights issues and or upcoming events will be reported in **Meeting Briefs**.

## NEXT SCHEDULED WORKING GROUP MEETING

**February 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>, 2001**

### October Meeting Outcomes

*Vision and mission* statements adopted.

*Proposal drafted* to the Change Management Committee of the First Nations and Inuit Health Information System, to incorporate 'injury surveillance' as a component of the system.

*Draft recommendations developed* for the Scientific Committee of the 6<sup>th</sup> World Injury Conference on Injury Control, for the inclusion of an 'Indigenous Stream' within the conference agenda. Canada will host the conference in Montreal QuJbec in May 2002.

*Completed poster presentation* for first national 'Canadian Conference on Injury Prevention and Control' to be held in Kananaskis Alberta on October 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>.

### National information highlights:

Initial discussions regarding the problem of injuries has been initiated by the *Tapirisat of Canada*, among the Inuit regions it represents.

During the summer, nominations were forwarded for to the Advisory Board of the newly formed, *Canadian Institute of Health Research* which will have an 'Institute of Aboriginal Peoples'. Outcomes of the nomination process are pending.

An *Injury Knowledge Management Project*, is currently under development by the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch in Ottawa. The project involves the development of an electronic information site to assist in bringing together scattered First Nations and Inuit injury prevention resource information. The project is currently gathering information to be placed on the system.

## **Regional information highlights:**

The First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, *Alberta Region*, has formed a Regional Injury Control Committee. Community consultation gatherings to discuss and provide input around injury control programming will be held in November 2000 and February 2001.

An Injury Prevention Coordinator is currently being recruited by the Inuvik Regional Health and Social Services Board.

The Pediatric Death Review Committee of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of *Manitoba*, recently released a report based on 1997 data. Within this report First Nations children were identified as being 9 times more likely to die of injury than non-First Nations children.