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## **Draft for Review National First Nations and Inuit Injury Prevention Working Group**

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# **Meeting Brief**

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### **Background**

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

## NEWS FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

Safe Work, Safe Play Around the Clock: the 10<sup>th</sup> annual conference on international safe communities, will be held in Anchorage Alaska, May 21-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2001

British Columbia Injury Prevention Conference, will be held in Sidney BC, May 24-25<sup>th</sup>, 2001

Aboriginal Nurses Association of Canada: Annual AGM, will be held in Saskatoon SK, May 24-27<sup>th</sup>, 2001 and the Aboriginal Nurses Community Wellness Conference will be held in the fall of 2001

NIICHRO's AGM, will be held in Vancouver BC, July 27-29<sup>th</sup>, 2001

Second Gathering for Aboriginal Health Conference, will be held in Calgary AB, Oct 18-21<sup>st</sup>, 2001

Quebec Native Women's Association is hosting a conference 'promoting world peace and non-violence, November 21-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2001

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.

## February Meeting Outcomes

*National First Nations and Inuit Injury Prevention Working Group* goals for the upcoming fiscal year were drafted.

*National work plan recommendations* were developed, for the 2001/2002 fiscal year, and were forwarded to the First Nations and Inuit Health Branch.

## National information highlights:

A proposal, drafted by the NFNIIPWG, to the *Change Management Committee of the First Nations and Inuit Health Information System* to incorporate 'injury surveillance' as a component of the system, has been accepted.

Input into a *Comprehensive Mental Health Framework*, through regional information feedback sessions, is currently being completed.

An environmental scan regarding the problem of injuries has been initiated among Inuit regions. *Inuit Tapirisat of Canada* anticipates completion by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2001.

An *Injury Knowledge Management Project*, involving the development of a web site to bring together scattered First Nations and Inuit injury prevention resource information, has started placing information on the site. See <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/fnihb/chpd/ipc/>

A discussion paper has been prepared by the Assembly of First Nations Social Development Secretariat entitled 'To the People Who are Able: A Perspective on First Nation Children and Disability.' The work identifies the need to examine injury and its relationship to injury.

## Regional information highlights:

The Québec version of the First Nations and Inuit Regional Health Survey will include an injury component for the first time. The survey is to take place in 2001.

The Federation of Saskatchewan Indians is trying to integrate injury prevention into educational curriculums. A resolution is needed to move this forward.

An RCMP Youth Suicide Prevention Program has been initiated, with support of a one-year training program by the Suicide Information and Education Centre (SIEC) out of Calgary.

## **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)**

**iv) Meeting Brief No: 2 (October 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, 2000)**

## **NEXT SCHEDULED WORKING GROUP MEETING**

**Early June, 2001**

### **Key Strategies Outlined to Guide the National Work of the Working Group:**

Make the problem of injuries more **VISIBLE**.

Promote the problem of injuries as a **PRIORITY AMONG LEADERSHIP** (First Nations, Inuit and Government).

**SHARE INFORMATION AND ENCOURAGE INPUT** on the National First Nations and Inuit Injury Prevention Framework.

Provide **GOOD INFORMATION** on injury prevention initiatives and resources.

**SUPPORT TRAIN THE TRAINER** approaches in injury prevention.