

**POPULATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH EVIDENCE AND DATA EXPERT GROUP  
(PPHEDEG)  
Aboriginal Health Data Discussion  
October 25**

**Meeting Notes**

**Business**

- Agenda Approved
- Minutes Approved

**Aboriginal Health Data Discussion:**

Dr. John Millar described the purpose of the day's discussions in three points:

- 1 To connect with the appropriate people
- 2 To assist aboriginal health concerns by collecting data
- 3 To discuss how do to get better aboriginal health data

**OVERVIEW/BACKGROUND**

**Federal**

- **Dr Dennis Wardman,**
  - o Director, Health promotion and Prevention, FNIH-BC, Health Canada

Dennis discussed the federal government sources of Aboriginal health data and the gaps – see presentation

Discussion – around the fact that the federal aboriginal data only reflects registered first nations people

**Tri-partite Agreement and OCAP**

- **Michelle Degroot**

Michelle discussed the Tri-partite agreement and OCAP (Ownership, Control, Access and Possession) – See Presentation

**Discussion**

- There is frustration that the first nations feel that there is such a lack of good health data.
- Emphasis needs to be put into the Technology Committee

- For Health Authorities to access First Nations health data they must go through the Tri-partite Committee
- Each First Nations Band has ownership of its own data
- The First Nations need to be the ones to investigate and manage the research

## **Provincial**

- **Dr. Evan Adams**

Evan discussed the Provincial Health Officers Reports Indicators and what the provincial government is doing around Aboriginal Health Data – See Presentation

### Discussion

- There are some inaccuracies in the data collected
- There needs to be context around the data that is collected
- PHO report show data to the HSDA level
- The province is trying to partner with the first nations communities and leave the data with the communities
- Difficulty around anonymity of data in small communities

## **COMMUNITY LEVEL DATA**

### **Regional Health Survey**

- **David Clellelan**

David discussed the Regional Health Survey – See presentation

### Discussion:

- The first nations owns the data and the individual data will not be shared only aggregate information

### **Metis Survey**

- **Keith Henry**

Keith discussed the Metis Nation BC organizational structure and the 2007/07 Metis Health Survey – see presentation

## **GENERAL DISCUSSION**

Margo Greenwood – the National Collaborating Centre for Aboriginal Health distributed information and a DVD on the Centre's activities

John opened the discussion by asking: "where do we go from here?"

- What can PPHEDEG do to help?
  - o Michelle suggested that the first nations group would come together as a group and develop some solutions and then come back to PPHEDEG
  - o The first nations are developing a CRIMSIN data system and will invite PPHEDEG to participate in these discussions.
- Keith Henry would like to "help PPHEDEG help them (the Metis Nation)"
  - o A meeting to discuss next steps will be arranged.