

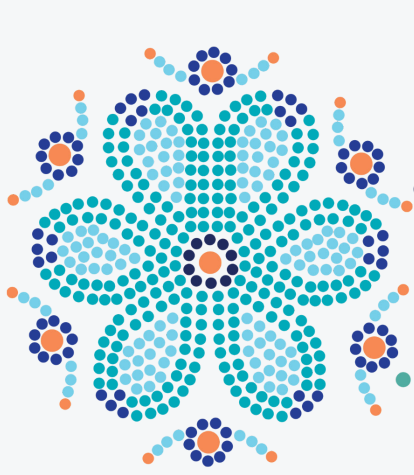


2024 National Métis Health Policy Forum

Shaw Centre
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DAY 1: FEBRUARY 7, 2024

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Registration and Breakfast (Provided)

- Featuring Métis Jiggers the Lyons Girls and Métis Fiddler Alex Kusturok

8:30 AM-9:30 AM

Opening & Welcome

9:30 AM-9:45 AM

Overview of Forum

9:45 AM-10:30 AM

Keynote #1 (Main Ballroom – Ottawa Salon)

- **We'll bring the Fiddle** – Presented by Reagan Bartel, Director of Health, Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA)
 - Life promotion 'spoken word' keynote inviting partners to think differently and invest in ways that matter. Featuring accompanying live Métis fiddler, Alex Kusturok.
- **Overview of Métis Vision for Health** – Presented by Reagan Bartel, Director of Health, Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA)

10:30 AM-11:00 AM

HEALTH BREAK

- Featuring Métis Fiddler Alicia Blore

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

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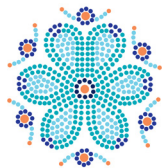
Advancing Health Priorities: **Métis Health Equity**

- **Ta Saantii Mamawapowuk (Métis Health Gatherings)** – Presented by Eva Habib, Métis Health Equity Manager, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) and Becca Britton, Health Systems Advocate – Interior, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)
- **Story of Health** – Presented by Reagan Bartel, Director of Health, Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA)
- **Walking Together in Partnership: Métis Nation BC & Fraser Health Authority** – Presented by Stephen Thomson, Director of Health Governance, Métis Nation British Columbia, Eva Habib Health Equity Manager, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC), Jennafer Wilson, Program Medical Director, Indigenous Health, Fraser Health Authority and Amanda Laboucane, Director, Strategic Initiatives, Indigenous Cultural Safety, Fraser Health Authority

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

LUNCH (Provided)

- Featuring Métis Jigger Brad Lafortune with Métis Fiddler Alicia Blore



1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Concurrent Sessions #1Advancing Health Priorities: **Mental Health & Wellbeing, Life Promotion Initiatives and Current Landscape of Métis Health**

- **Regional Métis Mental Health and Wellbeing Programming** – Main Ballroom – Ottawa Salon
 - *Regional Mental Health Navigator Program* – Presented by Cayleigh Borsboom, Regional Mental Health Navigator, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) and Sheri Gee, Mental Health Navigation Manager, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)
 - *Métis Nation Ontario's Mental Wellness Program Journey* – Presented by Tammy Adams, Manager, Mental Wellness, Métis Nation Ontario (MNO), Emily Paterson, Director of Community Wellbeing, Métis Nation Ontario, (MNO), and Stephanie Russell, Supervisor, Adult Mental Health and Addictions Program, Métis Nation Ontario (MNO).
- **Regional Métis-Led Life Promotion Initiatives** – Meeting Room 210
 - *The Métis Nation of Alberta's Journey Towards Life Promotion* – Presented by June Kima, Health Research Manager, Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA) and Nathaniel Le Chalifoux, Research & Project Coordinator, Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA)
 - *Peer Outreach Through a Métis Lens* – Presented by Kelsey Webber, Provincial Harm Reduction Manager, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) and Hannah Denton, Substance Use and Addiction Program (SUAP) Lead, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)
- **Current Landscape of Métis Health and Wellbeing** – Meeting Room 209
 - *Scoping Review: What is the Current Landscape of Métis-Specific Health Research in Canada?* – Presented by Abby Simms, Epidemiologist, Institute of Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) / Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)
 - *Why do we Need a National Indigenous Think Tank on Organ Donation and Transplantation?* – Presented by Dr. Caroline Tait, Professor, Faculty of Social Work and Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary

2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Panel #2 (Main Ballroom – Ottawa Salon)Advancing Health Priorities: **Cancer Control**

- **Developing a Métis-Led Cancer Strategy: Evaluation Learnings** – Presented by Amanda Andrew, Research & Project Coordinator, Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA) and June Kima, Health Research Manager, Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA)
- **Building Métis Cancer Resilience** – Presented by Ryah Heavens, Team Lead of Chronic Illness, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)

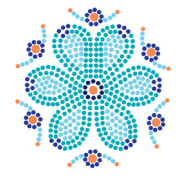
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3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Concurrent Sessions #2Advancing Métis Health Priorities: **Substance Use, Mental Health and Addictions**



- **Métis Health Inequities in Access to Culturally Safe Substance Use Treatment** – Main Ballroom – Ottawa Salon
 - *Resonating Voices: Elevating Métis Experiences for Empowered Health and Wellness Journeys* – Presented by: Eva Habib, Métis Health Equity Manager, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) and Courtney Flegg, Métis Health Experience Advocate, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC)
- **Métis Substance Use Programs** – Meeting Room 210
 - *Métis Nation of Ontario' Community Based Addictions Program* – Presented by Tammy Adams, Manager, Mental Wellness, Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO)
 - *Shakiwayniwayhk: Utilizing a Wrap-Around Approach to Embrace Recovery* – Presented by Aradhna Chawla, Community Wellness Coordinator, Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA)
- **Métis Youth Perspectives on Substance Use, Mental Health and Addictions** – Meeting Room 209
 - *Métis Youth Cultural Disconnection & 2SLGBTQQIA intersectionality* – Presented by Cayleigh Borsboom, Regional Mental Health Navigator, Métis Nation of British Columbia (MNBC)

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Closing Remarks

DAY 2: FEBRUARY 8, 2024

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Registration and Breakfast (Provided)

- Featuring Métis Jiggers the Lyons Girls and Métis Fiddler Alicia Blore

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM: Opening & Welcome

8:45 AM – 9:30 AM: **Keynote #2** (Main Ballroom – Ottawa Salon)

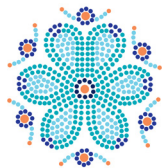
- **A New Cultural Safety and Humility Standard: Working Together to Improve Indigenous Healthcare in British Columbia** – Presented by Stephen Thomson, Director of Health Governance, Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) and Vishal Jain, Director of Cultural Safety and Humility, Health Standards Organization (HSO)

9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Panel #3 (Main Ballroom – Ottawa Salon)

Advancing Métis Health Priorities: **National Métis Health Data Strategy**

- **Métis Nation Data Strategy** – Presented by Hannes Edinger, Founder and Managing Director, Big River Analytics
- **'What we heard' from Governing Members on Health Data Initiatives & Métis Data Governance Principles** – Presented by Dr. Chelsea Gabel, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Well-Being, Community-Engagement & Innovation, Associate Professor McMaster University, and Dr. Bobby Henry, Canada Research Chair, Indigenous Justice and Well-Being, Associate Professor University of Saskatchewan
- **The Pan-Canadian Health Inequalities Reporting Initiative (HIRI): Health and Wellness Indicators by Métis identity and Approaches to Selecting Key Inequities** – Presented by Nicolás de Guzmán Chorny, Senior Policy Analyst, Public Health Agency of Canada



10:45 AM – 11:00 AM

HEALTH BREAK

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11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Concurrent Sessions #3:

Advancing Métis Health Priorities: **Homecare, Long-Term Continuing Care and Palliative Care/ Anti-Indigenous Racism in Health Care System and Trauma-Informed Care** - Sponsored by: **The Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH)**

- **Anti-Indigenous Racism in the Health Care System** – Main Ballroom – Ottawa Salon
 - *MNC Anti-Indigenous Racism in the Healthcare System Project: Preliminary Report* – Presented by Tera Beaulieu, RP, Director, Weaving Wellness Centre
 - *MNC Trauma-Informed Care Project: Preliminary Report* – Presented by Kimberly Jordon, RP (Q), Associate, Weaving Wellness Centre & Sandra Gosling, RSW, Associate, Weaving Wellness Centre
- **Métis Perspectives Homecare, Long-Term Continuing Care and Palliative Care** – Meeting Room 210
 - *What We've Heard (so far) from MNC Engagements* – Presented by Elise Hoo-Fong, Principal, Avaanz Consulting and JME Maxwell, Principal, Avaanz Consulting
 - *Walk Through of Costing Methodology and Early Findings* – Presented by JME Maxwell Principal, Avaanz Consulting
 - *Pediatric Palliative Care: Working with Métis Children and Families* – Presented by Dr. Hodgson-Viden, Pediatric Palliative Care Physician, Jim Pattison Children's Hospital, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
- **Advocating for the Métis Community in Health Care** – Meeting Room 209
 - *Advocating for Métis People with Disabilities* – Presented by Marg Friesen, Minister of Health, Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S)

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

LUNCH (Provided) - Sponsored by: **The Canadian Medical Association**

- Featuring Métis Fiddler Alicia Blore

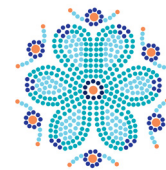
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Panel #4 (Main Ballroom – Ottawa Salon)

Advancing Métis Health Priorities: **Partnerships & Working with the Métis Nation**

- **Working with the Métis Nation** – Presented by Avery Steed, Senior Policy Advisor, Intergovernmental Strategy, Métis National Council (MNC)
- **Your Department's Responsibilities Concerning Health** – Presented by Ryan Chawner, Director Justice and Legislative Affairs, Métis National Council (MNC)
- **Métis Nation, Health and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development** – Presented by Kate Gillis, Policy Advisor Intergovernmental and International Relations, Métis National Council (MNC)

Q&A



2:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Presentation: Advancing Métis Health Priorities: **Climate Change & Health** (Main Ballroom – Ottawa Salon)

- *Climate Change & Health* – Erin Myers, Director of Environment and Climate Change, Métis National Council

2:30 PM - 3:00 PM

HEALTH BREAK

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3:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Presentation: Advancing Métis Health Priorities: **Tobacco Control** (Main Ballroom – Ottawa Salon)

- ***Misi Yehewin: Learning from the Métis Nation of Alberta's Tobacco Reduction Initiative*** – Presented by Ashton James, Health Senior Manager, Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA) and Lisa Vaughn, Community Wellness Manager, Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA)

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

Closing Remarks

DAY 3: FEBRUARY 9TH, 2024

Recognition of Advancements in Métis Health: Appreciation Brunch

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM

Registration, Networking & Coffee Bar (Provided)

- Featuring Métis Jigger Brad Lafortune with Métis Fiddler Alicia Blore

9:00 – 9:30 AM

Cultural Performances

- Featuring Métis Jiggers, Lyons Girls

9:30 AM – 10:00 PM

Opening & Welcome

10:00 – 10:30 AM

BRUNCH SERVED – Sponsored by: Healthcare Excellence Canada (HEC)

- Remarks by Dr. Jennifer Zelmer inaugural President and CEO of Healthcare Excellence Canada (HEC)

10:30 AM – 11:00 AM

Keynote #3

- ***Toward Equity in Health: A Métis Perspective - Recognizing Advancements in Métis Health*** – Presented by President Cassidy Caron, Métis National Council

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Governing Member Presentations

Métis Governments Advancements in Métis Health – Presented by Governing Members:

- Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) Minister of Health, Louis De Jaeger
- Otipemisiwak Métis Government for the Métis Nation within Alberta (MNA) President, Andrea Sandmaier
- Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) Minister of Health, Marg Friesen
- Métis Nation of Ontario (MNO) President, Margaret Froh

12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Closing Remarks

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