

### **Unveiling Synergies**



How IRCP Catalyzed Cross-Organizational Collaboration for Indigenous Health Care Advancements

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**Quebec City, Quebec** 

**Amy Poll** 

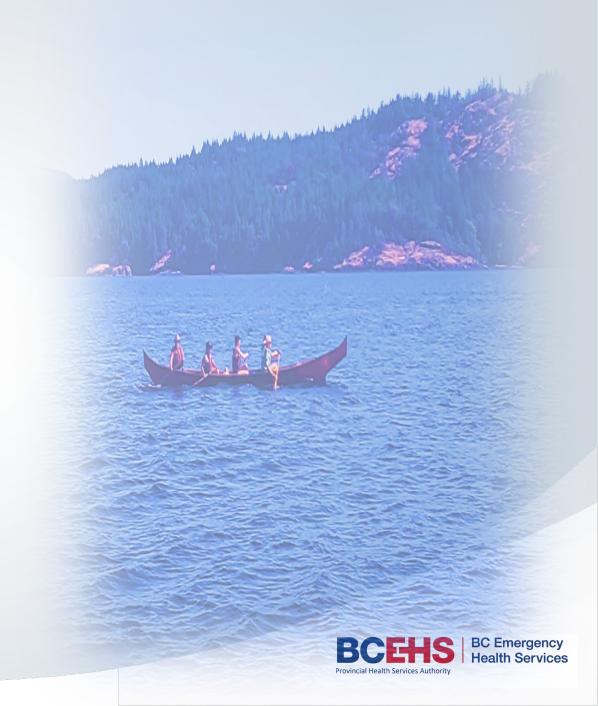
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## **Land Acknowledgement**

Today, we are coming together from a number of ancestral, traditional, and unceded territories. We humbly recognize these homelands and recognize Indigenous Peoples with respect.

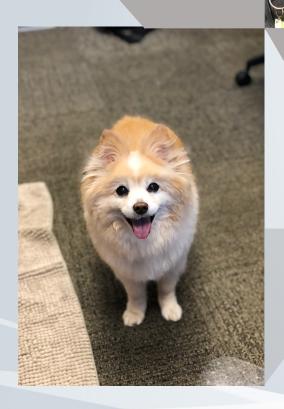
We acknowledge them as the traditional and ancestral stewards of the lands, for many years, since time immemorial. It is our privilege to live, work, and play on these unceded territories.













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# Calls to Action

### Commission Report in 2015

- > 94 "calls to action" or recommendations
- > 7 related directly to healthcare (calls 19-24)

(UNDRIP) calls on countries to address health disparities, provide equal access to health services, and requires that access to traditional medicines and practices be available. UNITED NATIONS
DECLARATION
ON THE RIGHTS OF
INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES



# What are the Secret Spices?





# What are OUR Secret Spices?





# The Magic Begins Here



2019 PROGRAMME 16<sup>th</sup> MEETING

June 15-16, 2019

**Delta Hotels Prince Edward** 

Charlottetown, PEI, Canada

Sir John A

**Prince Edward Island Convention Centre** 





# BEAD YOUR STATE/PROVINCE

# **Sparking Change: Unity in Purpose, Ideas, and Action**

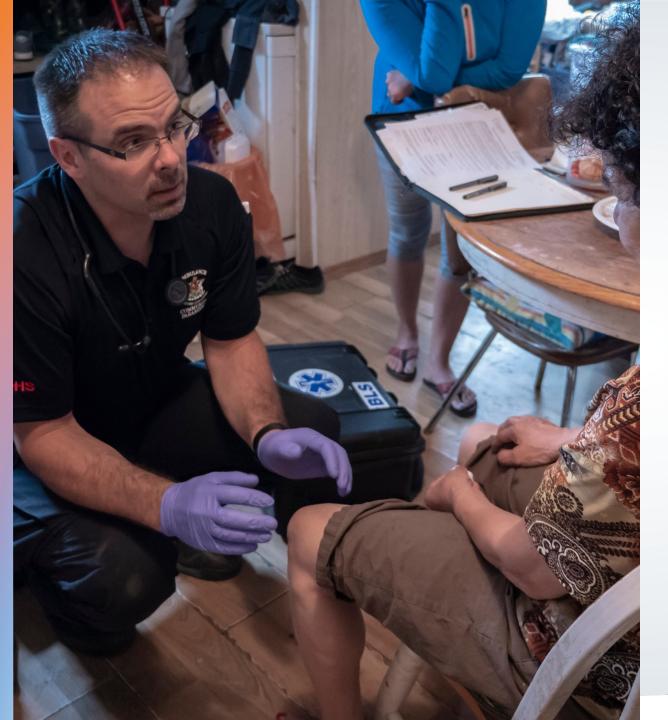




## Collaborative Efforts: Rethinking Resources for Indigenous Communities

- Examining Current State
  - In BC
  - Other Provinces
- Areas for Improvement
  - Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities
- Committed to doing better





# Paramedicine in Indigenous Communities

- Weave Indigenous Cultural Safety and Anti-Indigenous Racism through the fabric of the program
- Provide holistic services within community, minimize transportation
- Create allyship, recruitment & retention of Indigenous Employees
- Empower community guided care
- Overcome barriers
  - Reducing the fear of Uniforms
  - Hesitation to call 911



### **BCEHS CP K'omoks First Nation Initiative**

- Weaving Indigenous health, values, and needs at the center of care
- Indigenous Peoples and families guiding community paramedicine practice
- Integrating Indigenous medicine and Indigenous thought leadership into the care plan
- Community engagement to community-led





### hεhεwčιs; Hayuthela la xens Moving Forward Together

- Increasingly trust community paramedics for their healthcare needs
- Community paramedics linking between settlers and Indigenous peoples for holistic care.
- CP care within Indigenous communities is becoming a preferred approach.





# Gila'kasla Miigwech Thank you





