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OFFICE CLOSURE

October 14— Thanksgiving Day

October 15—18— Institute Board
and Staff Retreat

November 11 — Remembrance
Day

November 12— First Nations
Unity Day

ACCREDITATION DVD's RESOURCE

If you want to learn more about accreditation contact the Institute to request a DVD PowerPoint Info Presentation.

Saskatchewan First Nations Family & Community Institute Inc.

VISION

Excellence in Child and Family Services based on First Nations Culture, Traditions, and Knowledge.

MISSION

The Institute will conduct research, deliver training and develop policies and best practice standards to support First Nations Child & Family Services Agencies in Saskatchewan.

MEET OUR 2013-14 BOARD MEMBERS

The Executive Committee for 2013-14 determined at a short board meeting after the August 29 Annual General Meeting are: Chairperson, Marlene Bugler; Vice Chair: Vera Sayese and Treasurer Dexter Kinequon. The Institute staff look forward to an exciting year with the Board!

1 Year Term

Raymond Shingoose
(Yorkton Tribal Council)

Derald Dubois
(Touchwood)

Rhea Crane
(Nechapanuk)

Darlene Rediron
(Meadow Lake)

3 Year Term

Yvonne Wolverine
(Athabasca Denesuline)

Marlene Bugler
(Kanaweyimik)

Gladys Blackstar
(Agency Chiefs)

Dexter Kinequon
(Lac La Ronge)

Vera Sayese
(Peter Ballantyne)

RESEARCH & POLICY UPDATE

The research and policy department continues to focus on three main project's : First Nation Group Home (FNGH) core competencies, FNGH Customary Standards of Care (CSC) Review, and Culturally Relevant Practice.

The Core Competencies Working Group met in September to determine a more detailed outline of the eight competencies. The Institute will work with educational institutions to develop the curriculum in October and November and plan to start the pilot deliveries in January 2014. The CSC Review is underway, the group completed the review of Section I, Safety. We have scheduled 5 meeting days in November to complete the review.

The Culturally Relevant Practice study is well underway. It has been very exciting to hear about the cultural programs, services, and activities that each of the child welfare agencies develop to ensure they are reflecting the culture of those they serve. The goal is to complete the site visits by the end of October and have a report complete by end of November with recommendations for further work in the area. Site visits to FNCFS and FNGH will continue throughout October.

Thank you to all the working groups, they are a wealth of knowledge and their commitment is key to the success of the projects.

TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

For information & to register for training contact: dean.weenie@firstnationsfamilyinstitute.ca

Advanced Board Training

- October 1, 2 & 3, 2013
- Oct.1: 1:00pm – 4:00pm, 2 & 3: 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Best Western Hotel (Idylwyld), Saskatoon

CARF Accreditation North Battleford

- October 8, 9 & 10, 2013 **closed session*
- 9:00am – 4:00pm
- Tropical Inn, North Battleford

Lateral Violence Train the Trainer

- October 22, 23, 24 & 25, 2013
- 9:00am – 4:30pm
- Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon

HR Policy Forum 2

- October 29 & 30, 2013
- 10:00am – 3:00pm
- Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon

CARF Accreditation Prince Albert

- November 5, 6 & 7, 2013 **closed session*
- 9:00am – 4:30pm
- Holiday Inn Express, Prince Albert

North Networking Forum - Prince Albert

- Wednesday, November 20, 2013
- 9:30am – 4:30pm
- PA Golf & Curling Club, Prince Albert

Financial Standards Working Group Meeting

- Thursday, November 21, 2013
- 9:30am – 3:00pm
- Travelodge Hotel, Saskatoon, Saskatoon

FNGH Working Group Meetings

- Nov. 13-14-15, 19-20, 2013
- December 2 & 3, 2013
- Treaty Commissioners Office, Saskatoon

TESTIMONIALS:

The Institute is working on a promotion strategy as part of our overall communication plan. Information will be provided at up coming meetings and trainings for you to learn how to become involved.

MEMBER SURVEY:

The Institute has a committee that is working to design an annual feedback from members about our activities and trainings. More information will be coming soon on how you can participate.