Lethbridge Indigenous Sharing Network Interagency Meeting

Wednesday August 3rd, 2022

Time: 9:00am | Location: Online Teams

# In Attendance

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| Cassandra Chalifoux | Debbie Deak | Katie-Jo Rabbit |
| Chevie-lee Mitchell | Shawn Daye-Finley | Charmaine Buckskin |
| Caitlin Gajdostik | Janine Jackson | Corinn Broatch |
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# Meeting Opening

* -Land Acknowledgement by Cassandra Chalifoux
* -Prayer by Katie-Jo Rabbit

# Caitlin Gajdostik-Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwestern Alberta

* Caitlin is from the community foundation of Lethbridge in Southwest Alberta. I'm the grants coordinator there. Because it's summer, they don't have a whole lot to update. They don't have any of their grant programs open, so if anyone's looking for funding, unfortunately they don't have anything open right now, but they're hoping to open up next month, both their community priorities and our role life grants programs.
* let her know if you guys are working on any projects or might need some funding coming into the fall and winter. If there's not something that they can provide, she'd be happy to connect you with some other funders as well.

# Charmaine Buckskin – Peak Support Services Our Space

* Charmaine is from peak support services, our space. They don't have really any real updates for this month. They have a fundraiser coming up in September, but they're still planning that, she will provide more information when that is finalized.

# Corinn Broatch-Sitting in for Miranda-Chinook Sexual Assault Centre

* Corinn is from the Chinook sexual assault center in Lethbridge. There's a job posting for the child and youth advocacy center for the child and family advocate position.
* They also have two peer support groups starting in September. More details will follow on exactly what those will be.
* They have a galaxy bowl event, which is fundraising for their child and youth advocacy center with a silent auction on September 10th. Miranda will send out details shortly, once they all get worked out.
* There's also the lead healthy living expo at exhibition park. They're going to have a booth there September 9th and 10th to promote their services and to support funding for the builds of the child and youth advocacy center.

# Debbie Deak Ed.D.-Network Coordinator/Prevention Conversation Facilitator-FASD

* Debbie is with the South Alberta FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder) Network. September is very important for all of the FASD Networks in Alberta as September 9th is International FASD Day. This date was selected for the symbolism of the nine months it takes for a woman to carry a baby to term – hence the ninth day of the ninth month, September is devoted to awareness and prevention of prenatal alcohol exposure. Throughout September the South Alberta FASD Network will be attending community events and are very excited to once again attend the Word on the Street Festival. The Network will also be at the Crossings Library – located in the foyer between the two high schools. The goal is to connect with youth from the two high schools and provide information relevant to risks associated with alcohol consumption..
* They have lawn signs designed. If anyone would be interested in posting a lawn sign, they've been designed by CanFASD, which is the leading research body in Canada for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and is simply a sign around awareness and prevention of FASD. Debbie will send the poster that they've had designed for their network for this month by CanFASD for Cassandra to send it out to the group. If everyone could please post it on their social media sites they would be ever so grateful.
* At the Kainai interagency meeting at the end of June they said that they are going to take either 30 or 40 that they're going to take for the community there at standoff. They're just ever so grateful for that. They're going to disseminate them across their nation at Laverne and other designated areas that they have. So they are pleased with that partnership and their support.

# Janine Jackson- Family Centre

* Janine Jackson is the indigenous program coordinator for family center downtown. They don't really have too much to update about because they already had a few events throughout June and July. They do have an event coming up on Saturday. It’s not full so they'll still be taking registrations up until probably Friday. It is a walk and talk event with William Singer down at Helen Schuler nature center. The will also have the Kona ice truck there for families. They still have openings for a few more families. It's for FNMI families or individuals andnd that's on Saturday the 6th from 1:00pm to 3:30pm.
* They're hoping to try and get an event towards the end of August, beginning of September to do a pool party, but she is still working on that one. Then end of September around the 24th or 25th is when they start their traditional parenting pro program. If you know anyone, it’s an 11 week program every Wednesday evening from 5:00pm o 8:00pm. Food is provided and childcare is provided, so if you know any families who may want to sign up for that will be taking registrations for that.

# Katie-Jo Rabbit-

* Katie-Jo is with newest theater. She is the outreach community coordinator. Basically, what she is helping them do is diversify and create a more inclusive community. She is I'm meeting with different agencies promoting the shows that new west theater is having.
* The first one is decades she has given out all my tickets for those, but there's six shows throughout the season and they will be targeting different organizations. Decades is kind of like a musical review, then there is one in December for children, so they'll be definitely connecting with everyone that serves children.
* There are a couple great ones that are coming up, but the one that she really wants to focus on is “Honor Beat”. Honor Beat is a play written by an indigenous woman who was local to Lethbridge. They're actually looking for people to audition for the play. There are three main characters, two daughters and a mother. There's an open audition call out. Katie-Jo will send that to Cassandra. Her contract ends on March 30th, and she would like to do like a writing circle, A playwright circle, and she is looking at some timelines to see if they can do like a community play just to get people involved with newest theater because they really want to diversify and let people know that healing through the arts is necessary. If you are interested in meeting with Katie-Jo or just talking more about what she'd like, what she is doing or would like to collaborate or have new west support you in any way definitely give her an email.
* [outreach@newwesttheater.com](mailto:outreach@newwesttheater.com)

# Cassandra Chalifoux- NCSA

* Cassandra is just waiting on an answer to her application for funding a portion of the SAAMIS Aboriginal Indigenous in business event at the end of September. It is taking place on the 24th and 25th weekend. She is looking at funding the table fee for Indigenous Entrepreneurs so they can sell their goods and services.
* If anyone would like to advertise their organization, please contact SAAMIS as they have multiple was for your organizations to get your signs out there including coffee carts that will be making their way through the event.
* Once again if you need any help with your events, don’t hesitate to call Cassandra as she is more then wiling to help even if it just handing out pamphlets.
* Everyone is aware of the terrifying situation that happened with Lethbridge Legal Guidance. Cassandra has reached out to them to offer love, prayers and a helping hand from the network in case they need anything.

# Chevie-Lee Mitchell-Indigenous Community Supports Navigator-Opokaa’sin

* Chevie-lee Mitchell is the Indigenous Community Supports Navigator also known as the Indigenous Population Navigator. She works with the Integrated Coordinated Access System that the City of Lethbridge has been developing. Basically it’s trying to develop a better referral process when dealing with clients in the city of Lethbridge. Her focus is on helping Indigenous families, individuals and youth access the resources and supports that they need to live happy and healthy lives. For professionals there is a simple referral form that needs to be filled out to access her supports.

# Shawn Daye-Finley-Lethbridge Sport Council

* Shawn is the programming event coordinator at Lethbridge sport council. They are kind of involved with everything that has to do with sports. The reason Shawn is in this meeting is they have a grant, the name of pathway to participation for indigenous families. The idea is that they're trying to pave the pathway for people to get involved in sports.
* July 13th, next Wednesday they have indigenous traditional games with Mary Ellen little mustache In conjunction with the Southern Alberta summer games there will be some traditional games taught and then competed in with Mary Ellen leading the way. That'll be down at Indian battleground under the gazebo near the Helen Shuler nature center. People will be able to register through the Southern Alberta summer games website, there will be metals awarded and t-shirts through registration.
* They have a two-day lacrosse come try it event July 13th and 14th at Nicholas Sharon arena for the first day and the second day will be at the blood reserve recreation center happening next week. They're bringing in a pro lacrosse player and national lacrosse league MVP Jeff Shattler. They ran this event last year and they had 46 kids come out to try lacrosse, both indigenous and non-indigenous. they got to take part in a quality lacrosse clinic while also leaving with a lacrosse stick, some kids left with gear as well that was donated by the Calgary flame sport bank. They're looking to try and have everybody leave with at least a stick again this year so that they can play at home. The local lacrosse association will be involved as well, providing information about how kids can get involved.
* There's also one in pincher Creek and crows nest pass led by coach Chad Chief Moon, who's heading this whole project. If you have any questions Shawn will be available to answer them. They're really excited for next week’s events, right now they have over 45 participants registered for the lacrosse event.
* They have very few registered for the indigenous traditional games event on the Wednesday and that would be the one that They'd love everybody to share if possible, right away. It's a great opportunity and there's gonna be medals awarded at the end and they've never done anything like it before, so they would really like to help share the traditional games.
* <https://lethbridgesportcouncil.ca/programs/pathway>
* Pathway to Participation
* Pathway to Participation for Indigenous Families in Lethbridge is funded by the Physical Activity and Recreation Division of the Government of Alberta.
* <https://www.southernalbertasummergames.ca/cityoflethbridge>
* City of Lethbridge
* <https://lethbridgesportcouncil.ca/programs/roving-gyms>
* Roving Gyms
* Roving Gyms are free, inclusive, play spaces for children five and under and their parents or caregivers.
* Shawn@lethbridgesportcouncil.ca
* <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sikoohkotokisportconnection>
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# Marilyn Contois-Indigenous Services-Lethbridge Public Library

* Here is a link to the just posted Library Assistant-Indigenous Services positions: <https://tre.tbe.taleo.net/tre01/ats/careers/v2/viewRequisition?org=COLBRIDGE&cws=42&rid=1643>
* The Art Hive on August 30, 2022 will be held at CASA 5:30-7:30 PM. They will be making orange shirt pins and earrings out of clay.

# Meeting Duration

**Start Time**: 8:51am **Adjourned**: 9:25am **Duration**: 25 Minutes

# Next Meeting

**Date**: August 7th, 2022 **Time**: 9:00am **Location**: Online Teams