



Post-Secondary Education Joint Task Team Meeting

Minutes

May 17, 2017 – Day 2

55 Metcalfe Street, Ottawa, ON
5th Floor Board Room

Attendees

First Nations: Thane Bonar (BC), Monique Carroll (NS/NFLD, ALT), Shirley Fontaine (MB), Rebecca Jamieson (ON), Treena Metallic (QC), Deanna Nyce (NAIHL), Tracey O'Reilly (NB), Bernadine Walking Bear (SK)

AFN: Janice Ciavaglia, Julie Williams

INAC: Nicole Allegri (HQ), Barbara D'Amico (HQ), Anick Giguere (QC), Karen Martin (ATL), Alison Olney (BC), Maurice Pelletier (HQ), Don Scott (MB), Bernadette Wabie (ON)

Observers: Henry Bigthroat (AB), Eric Conlon (INAC), Evelisa Genova (COO), Sandra Waback (Universities Canada), Ninar Younes (INAC), Jean Yru (INAC)

Regional Perspectives

Region	Perspectives and Highlights
NB	2017 Federal Budget Funding Request for notification from INAC about the amount of funding to be released to each region prior to the release of funding.
ON	Expedite submission of recommendations for PSSSP guidelines for fall for TB PSPP

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible only to First Nations and First Nations mandated/accredited institutions.
MB	<p>PSPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding to public institutions does not translate to delivery of new programs. Students enter for programs but university or college will cut the program, predominantly FN programs. - UN Declaration to support Indigenous institutions.
AB	<p>PSPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Competing with public institutions causes severe cutbacks in funding and does not allow for consistent and sustainable funding. Separate and allow for Tribal institutes to receive core funding. - Province – INAC – FN tripartite agreement for core funding to institutions.
QC	<p>Collaborative Review of federal PSE programs Seeking greater accountability from INAC that recommendations made during the collaborative PSE federal review be implemented.</p>
BC	<p>Collaborative Review of federal PSE programs Maintaining that the principles of First Nations control of First Nations education as part of the review.</p> <p>PSPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Unilateral changes have been restrictive to First Nations. Desire for return to regional control, funding to return to former model based on per capita. - Accountability for public institution to have mechanism for ensuring support for FN students. Agreement from other regions.
NAIHL	<p>PSPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cost concerns for FN institutions, FN students with switch from ISPP to PSPP. BC was reduced to less than 1/3. - Accountability/Evaluations on Universities and colleges that they deliver on their programs. - First Nations access to PSPP partnerships
INAC	<p>Update: Budget 2017 Funding – 3 options – Currently with senior management and will go out as soon as possible.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Population based calculation distribution 2) Balanced Methodology – based on growth and a few other factors 3) Modified Balance Approach – equalization, followed by population increase with surplus funds. (With and without block funding) <p>Inclusion of block funding criteria: Funds are considered an enhancement, because of that block should be considered.</p> <p>Post-Secondary Partnership Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remainder of funds, left over proposals from 2016-2017 were funded in 2017-2018 - 2018-2019 possibility of call for proposals. FN component isn't as prominent as it should be and INAC to investigate. - Eligibility is open to Indigenous.
INAC QC	<p>PSPP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FN should have lead proposal on who they wish to partner with (CGEP, College, etc.) Ontario in agreement. - Recommendation that control shift back to First Nations to initiate partnership.

Agenda Item	Actions/Recommendations
2017 Budget	Action: Notification from INAC about the amount of funding to be released to each region prior to the release of funding.
PSSSP Guidelines	<p>Action: AFN will send FN regions and TT co-chair recommended changes to PSSSP guidelines next week, May 26, 2017. Inclusive of a preamble that explains the draft situation of the document. (Rebecca Jamieson and Bernadette Wabie to work on PDF).</p> <p>Action: FN regions who want to send recommendations or updated recommendations for PSSSP guidelines and recommendations will go on to INAC. INAC will confirm whether each recommendation is a program change or a policy change.</p>