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John, until such time as you and Jack are able to meet with Sheree and have the requested discussions with her, I reiterate my commitment to the idea of moving toward integrated service delivery processes and activities.

As I have stated, I think the family group conferencing model is one process that would work very well within the Innu communities to address child protection issues, such as permanency planning for individual children. This might be a specific project for example that we could undertake in Sheshatshit in a coordinated and collaborative way, both to build greater awareness of the scope of child protection concerns with the larger community, as well as to help build capacity within the community to respond as appropriately as possible.

I look forward to hearing more once you have had the opportunity for your discussions. Lyla

From: Companion, Lori Anne  
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To: 'John Higham'; MacDonald, Sheree P.  
Cc: Jack Penashue; Shallow, Michelle; Andrew, Lyla; Harvey, Brian; Lundrigan, Wanda  
Subject: RE: Innu Round Table

Hi John:

I am responding on behalf of Sheree, as Sheree is away on vacation until mid-July, and unfortunately a meeting with Jack next week will not be possible.

It was truly unfortunate that we were unable to attend the meetings in Halifax, due to weather conditions and not being able to depart from St. John's.

However, I have been briefed on this issue by Brian Harvey and have discussed this concept with Sheree, as she is leading the Labrador Service Delivery Model working group. Sheree asked me to advise you that she will be in touch with you upon her return from vacation for a full discussion on how the LSDM and the Innu Round Table discussions overlap and possible ways forward.

I hope you have a great long weekend.

Lori Anne Companion

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Subject: Innu Round Table  
Importance: High

Ms. MacDonald:

As you are probably aware, the initial meeting of the Federal-Provincial-Innu Round Table forum was held in early June in Halifax. Unfortunately neither Ms. Companion or Ms. Shallow were able to attend, although Lyla Andrew and Brian Harvey were.

I am writing to advise of the decision made at that forum in regards to the longstanding efforts to have an Innu organization manage federal funds to support CYFS delivery on-reserves in Labrador. And to seek an opportunity to have you meet with Jack Penashue-- Director of Social Health Services at Sheshatshiu First Nation and chair of the CYFS Devolution Committee of the Round Table-- to discuss the decision before any formal action is taken.

In Halifax, the Innu reminded all parties of the long history of CYFS talks since the devolution concept was raised in the early 1990's and formally endorsed by federal Ministers and the provincial Premier, in 1996. Discussions began with provincial delivery of CYFS under a line department, continued through provincial reorganization into an Integrated Health Authority, and ironically, is still on as CYFS transitions back to a line department. During the integrated delivery phase, the province suggested a joint board of a separate agency as a devolution step. Meanwhile First Nations were struggling to get federal funding closer to actual cost levels than the strict formula being used, and for several years now, the federal policy is to allow that scope of funding under an enhanced prevention agreement involving all three parties.

However, after the factors important to devolution finally appeared to be aligning, the province embarked on its latest reorganization efforts. The Innu's participation in the working group in Labrador has made it clear that many of the service design decisions that would be required to reach an enhanced prevention agreement and subsequently a devolution of funding agreement, were being addressed in that forum.

So in Halifax this month, the Innu suggested that the working group was proving to be better equipped to deal with the service based questions. So the Innu concluded that it would make sense to ask the working group to take a focus on the Innu Zone. Then, rather than continuing with two separate processes that would need to be reconciled soon thereafter, one process could create one product that meet both needs immediately. Secondly, the Innu argued that if done with an understanding of federal policy that uniquely applies to the Innu zone, the nature and scope of services could be greatly enhanced; all at the cost of Canada instead of the province.

The Round Table endorsed this approach and asked the Innu to take steps to contact the province about pursuing a special project under the working group.

It is for that purpose that I am seeking to have yourself and Jack meet in the near future. While this may be too short of notice, Jack and I will both be in St John's next Wednesday and Thursday (July 4 and 5) for other meetings, but could make ourselves available at any time, if you had a half hour to meet on this topic. We would appreciate the opportunity to explore this method with you before taking any formal action to request it.

Please let us know. You can reach us both by these e-mails or my phone number is below. (BTW All are active throughout the weekend and Canada day)

Cheers,

John Higham

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