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Date: Wednesday, July 24, 2013 2:41:00 PM
Attachments: [Agreement Accountability framework Draft one July 24 SM Edits.docx](#)

FYI working group members...

Attached are Shayne MacDonald's suggested edits to the draft, noted in tracking software.

John

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Subject: Re: EPFA Document

Thanks john,

Looks good to me. I have read shayne's comments as well.

Theresa

Sent wirelessly from my BlackBerry device on the Bell network.
Envoy sans fil par mon terminal mobile BlackBerry sur le rseau de Bell.

-----Original Message-----

From: "John Higham" <John.Higham@chignectogroup.com>
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Subject: EPFA Document

At the most recent meeting in St John's, one of my subsequent tasks was to draft and circulate a possible Agreement Accountability framework for inclusion in the evolving Tripartite Agreement document. Please find attached a suggested text for your review and comments.

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Subject: NL EPFA WORK PLAN

Folks, attached are: draft notes from both our July 11 and July 18 meetings; and an updated version of our work plan. Please review and forward comments if you have any. You'll note that I have put down July 26 as a due date for certain action items. I have also scheduled a conference call for August 1, from 1 - 3pm AT (a half hour later in Newfoundland). The dial in info is as follows:

INSTRUCTIONS IN ENGLISH

Number to dial: NCR: 819 997-9167, Toll Free: 1-866-885-0884

Select 1 for French or 2 for English

Select 1 (To participate in an audio conference)

Enter the 4 digit Conference pass code: 5678#

Agenda to follow.

Agreement Accountability and Outcome Measures

This agreement is undertaken due to a shared desire to improve the welfare of First Nations children on reserve in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador. All believe that part of the answer lies in new prevention and early intervention services and service flexibility; both offered by an Enhanced Prevention agreement. Each party is prepared to play its role in this agreement and to collaborate on complementary actions.

As a result this agreement is covered by a comprehensive accountability framework with four pillars. Community Accountability is the primary pillar. Each First Nation will adopt and communicate a business plan based on the Core Priorities of this Agreement. The plans include objectives, strategies and steps to be implemented, performance measurements, and communication requirements.

The First Nations will enter funding agreements. Pillar two is accounting for its terms, conditions, outcomes, and reporting, to the funding sponsors.

The third pillar is federal and provincial accountability for their related programs. The province has public outcomes for its CY&F Services for which it remains responsible. Canada has annual funding and program measurements, reporting and accountabilities to central agencies.

The final pillar is mutual accountability for the Tripartite agreement itself. All parties expect the Agreement to lead toward improvements in larger child welfare outcomes, and are prepared to be held accountable for those expectations. Accordingly, the First Nations, Canada, and Newfoundland & Labrador establish the following measurements as the fourth pillar of the accountability framework for this agreement.

- Numbers of First Nation children in protective care are decreasing.
- Decrease in the number of placements outside of the communities.
- Increasing comparability of on-reserve child, youth & family case data, to case data for the rest of the province.
- Comparable case-loads in on- and off-reserve environments.
- No new-born babies are being taken into protective custody.
- Increased capacity for foster and kinship care and an increase in these arrangements.
- Higher numbers of children-in-care are in school and at an age-appropriate grade level.
- Funding transfers and report submissions are both made on a timely basis.
- Urgent and special case mechanisms are working effectively and efficiently.
- An increase in traditional adoption of children by First Nation members
- Youth in agreements are becoming independent adults
- Capacity and delivery of First Nation services is expanding with both internal and external partnerships
- Improved community level understanding and support of CYFS roles, responsibilities and services in each First Nation