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Find attached notes from our last call on August 15. At this time I will ask folks to identify possible dates for a follow up call. As you will see there are several follow up items for action, and as the next call will likely entail discussion of finalizing the TP Framework document, I suggest that we look for dates in the first week of September (i.e. week of 3 - 6 September). A number of us will be away on vacation either this week or next, and we'll want time to distribute draft documents and review them.

Please take the attached notes as draft, and feel free to e-mail me suggested revisions, clarifications and/or additions.

Joe Behar

**Child, Youth and Family Services (CYFS) meetings: Enhanced
Prevention Focused Approach (EPFA)
August 15, 2013 – Conference Call**

Attendees:

Joe Behar
Barbara Cull
Theresa O'Keefe
Wendy White
Brian Harvey
John Higham
Lyla Andrew
Marcel Ashini
Jack Penashue
Wally Fry
Claudia Downey

Chair: Brian Harvey (PNL)

Notetaker: Joe Behar (AANDC)

1. Accountability Framework and Roles and Responsibilities sections of TP Framework

- AANDC circulated drafts of these two sections prior to meeting
- Barb Cull expressed province's interpretation of the EPFA process with re: the Innu that protection funding agreement would continue to be between Province and AANDC, while AANDC would flow Prevention funding separately to Innu.
- Joe Behar noted that was not the understanding from the federal perspective: federal funding for the totality of CFS programming – protection and prevention – would, from AANDC's perspective, flow to one recipient (either the Province or the Innu) and that recipient would then be responsible for provision of those CFS services, in whatever way was acceptable to both the province and the Innu.
- John Higham said that AANDC's understanding was his as well.
- It was agreed that further clarification was needed on this point as it was important that all parties have comfort with the intent and the wording in the final Tripartite agreement.
- Mi'awpukek was not particularly affected by this discussion as it was understood that their current service delivery arrangements would remain intact under an EPFA model.

ACTION: Joe Behar is to draft and circulate a section for the Tripartite Agreement describing the intent and practice of EPFA: what was envisioned and how it can work.

Province is to circulate definitions of the various aspects of CYFS under provincial legislation, so that language can be used consistently and role and responsibilities better understood.

2. Finalization of Draft TP Framework

- It was noted that the timeframe for completing this document was fairly brief, and that in light of the discussion around roles and responsibilities, it was imperative to come to an understanding of what EPFA entailed and what the document itself should comprise.
- Behar noted that TP Framework was meant to be a high level piece that didn't necessarily need to outline the modes of funding and service delivery that would eventually be settled upon between the various parties.
- It was also noted that as new sections of the TP Framework were being added and revisions were being made, it was important to ensure that there was one definitive draft that everyone could refer to.

ACTION: Joe and Brian are to work out between them who is holding the pen on the working draft of the TP Framework, so that any changes or additions are consistently applied.

Data collection and reconciliation

- Barb Cull noted that discrepancy between AANDC data and the data from the Province re: children in care (CIC) is explained by the fact that AANDC's figures are from received reports that include kinship arrangements and protective interventions.
- Lila Andrew expressed interest in reviewing the data and particularly in looking at how the continuum of care has been managed at Mi'awpukek to study best practices and the advantages of a consistent, prevention-based approach over time.
- Discussion also around the operational costs of service provision to the Innu communities.

ACTION: Province to provide definition of terms for continuum of care (i.e. kinship, protective intervention, etc.) and review of operational costs for service provision to Innu.

ACTION: Theresa O'Keefe to review CIC and case load numbers in Mi'awpukek to ensure they jibe with the Province's data.

Next Steps:

- Joe Behar to solicit group for next conference call dates; and set up conference call accordingly. (Note that Jack Penashue suggested that upcoming meeting be a face to face; this suggestion should be re-visited at next call).