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**2025 Saskatchewan NEIHR Research Engagement Day Schedule (Friday, October 17, 2025, Wanuskewin Heritage Park, Beaver/Deer/Eagle rooms)**

9:30 -10:45 am: *The doors are open, display tables and posters are up, and the coffee's on – come visit before the formal presentations start*

10:45-11:00: **Opening:** MC Dr. Bobby Henry (Métis), Current Research Lead of the SK-NEIHR, and Terri Hansen-Gardiner, Métis knowledge keeper in residence, SK-NEIHR

Brief Greetings from institutions

11:00-11:45: **Overview of the Saskatchewan NEIHR**

- Mandate, governance and funding from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research
- Community Partnership and Knowledge Translation funding
- Métis Data Governance Principles and Training
- Graduate student mentorship and training
- New research project on the impact of wildfire evacuations on Indigenous evacuees
- Roots of Connection: developing new course on Indigenous knowledge mobilization

11:45-12:15: **Presentations from Community Partnership Funding Recipients**  
(15 minute presentations)

- 11:45: Exploring connections between mental health, Indigenous languages and human-land-animal wāhkōtowina (Charlotte Ross, PhD candidate, University of Victoria (Cree) on behalf of Dr. Winona Wheeler (Cree), Faculty, Indigenous Studies, University of Saskatchewan and Lillian Sanderson, Cultural Program Manager, Lac La Ronge Indian Band)
- 12:00: Chronic Wasting Disease from the Prairies into the Boreal: Weaving Community Knowledge and Science on Risks, Gaps, and Future Directions (Dr. Philip D. McLoughlin, Faculty, Biology, University of Saskatchewan and Dr. Abdullah Al Mamun, Research Associate and Community Coordinator)

12:15-1:45 pm **Lunch break (food in Coyote/Rabbit Room)** with time to eat, visit, try beading, and explore Wanuskewin, as well as participate in optional lunchtime activities from 1:00-1:45 pm

1:00-1:45 pm **Poster sessions:** poster presenters to be at their posters in the hallway during this time

**SK-NEIHR Discussion tables in Coyote/Rabbit Room** (where lunch food is)

***You are welcome to join any of these informal discussions – look for signs posted on tables***

- Exploring opportunities for Community Partnership and Knowledge Translation funding
- Participating in new research project on the impact of wildfire evacuations on Indigenous evacuees
- Sharing thoughts on developing Roots of Connection: a new course on Indigenous knowledge mobilization

1:45-2:45 pm: **Presentations from Community Partnership and Knowledge Translation Funding Recipients**  
(15 minute presentations)

- 1:45: Indigenous Peoples' Perceptions of Care in the Emergency Room in Saskatoon (Métis graduate students Kiley Grona and Hannah Courtorielle, under the direction of Dr. Stacey Lovo, Faculty, School of Rehabilitation Science, University of Saskatchewan)- CP funding
- 2:00: Atim Maskikhiy Gallery: Artistic knowledge mobilization on the move [part of the "Dogs Have Love Medicine" project] (Dr. Jordan Woodsworth, Faculty, Western College of Veterinary Medicine and Director of Northern Engagement and Community Outreach; Jade Roberts, contributing artist, member of Lac La Ronge Indian Band and research community member) – KT funding
- 2:15: Our experience partnering with Onion Lake Cree Nation to provide education and screening opportunities for youth at risk for type 2 diabetes: Hemoglobin A1c measurement via dried blood spot analysis (Dr. Daphne Yau, MD, Faculty, College of Medicine, University of Saskatchewan) – KT funding
- 2:30: School Food in Indigenous Communities – a project in partnership with Meadow Lake Tribal Council (Stefanie Foster, Saskatchewan Population Health and Evaluation Research Unit (SPHERU), University of Saskatchewan/Dr. Rachel Engler-Stringer, Faculty, Community Health and Epidemiology, University of Saskatchewan, and Tammy Shakotko, community member with Meadow Lake Tribal Council) – KT funding

2:45-3:00 pm: **Closing Remarks**

Dr. Henry, Métis Knowledge Keeper Terri Hansen-Gardiner

*Attendees are welcome to stay at Wanuskewin Heritage Park until it closes at 5 pm.*

3:00-4:15 pm: **Bonus Play: (Attendance Optional): "Métis are People Who Gather"**: a special presentation of a theatre production in development. *Bannock and preserves will be available at 3:00 pm*

- This play will share research findings around the importance of identity, community, and culture for the health and wellbeing of Métis People. The play features community members alongside Métis theatre artists, who are collaborating to bring to life the words, experiences, and stories of Métis participants in a research project on Métis culture led by Dr. Heather Foulds, a Métis researcher and faculty member in Kinesiology at the University of Saskatchewan.
- Featuring Métis artists Bruce Sinclair (community member, theatre artist and director); Scott Duffee (community member and Métis cultural consultant); Shaunda Kracher (community member and Community Research Manager); Roger Pelletier (community member and storyteller); Ethan Gallays (community member and student)