



2026 Saskatchewan NEIHR Research Engagement Day Schedule (Thursday, May 7, 2026, Prince Albert Wildlife Federation)

9:00 -10:30 am: *The doors are open, registration, display tables, and the coffee's on – come visit before the formal presentations start. Information and craft booths will be available throughout the day.*

10:30-11:30 **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-

- Scientific Director, Institute for Indigenous Peoples' Health, Canadian Institutes of Health Research
- Associate Vice-President Research (Engagement), University of Saskatchewan
- Research Engagement Manager, Office of the Vice-President, University of Regina
- Program Coordinator, & Associate Professor, Indigenous Health, First Nations University of Canada

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
- Roots of Connection: developing new course on Indigenous knowledge mobilization

11:00-11:30: **Presentations from Knowledge Translation Funding Recipients**
(15 minute presentations)

- 11:00: “Cumberland House Cree Métis Elders Oral History Project” (Dr. Allyson Stevenson (Métis), Faculty, Indigenous Studies, University of Saskatchewan and Bertha McKay (First Nations Elder), community member)
- 11:30: “When Youth Gather: Learning from the VICCIY Provincial Youth Wellness Summits” (Lindsey Boechler, PhD, Research Manager, Centre for Health Research, Innovation and Scholarship (CHRIS), Saskatchewan Polytechnic)

11:30-12:00 pm: “Saskatchewan Wildfires: Exploring Rapid Response Research During Emergencies” - research update with Rigel Smith and Terri Hansen-Gardiner

12:00-1:30 pm **90 minute Lunch break** with time to eat, visit, try beading, and explore the natural outdoor grounds, as well as participate in optional discussion tables from 1:00-1:30 pm

SK-NEIHR Discussion tables (1-1:30 pm)

You are welcome to join one 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
- Participating in development and/or teaching of Roots of Connection: new Indigenous knowledge mobilization course

1:30-2:00 pm: **Presentations from Community Partnership Funding Recipients**
(15 minute presentations)

- 1:30: “Co-creating strategies to increase uptake of HPV immunizations among youth in Pelican Narrows” (Dr. Thilina Bandara, Faculty, School of Public Health, University of Saskatchewan)



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- 1:45: “New Studies on Birth Seasonality and Its Correlation with Death and Temperature Time Series” (Dr. Arzu Sardarli, Faculty, Indigenous Knowledge & Science, First Nations University of Canada and Mr. Nathaniel Cook (First Nations), graduate student & research assistant)

2:00:-2:30 pm: **Graduate Student Panel on Mentorship & Research:** Kiley Grona, Katie Tolley, Gemma Kaimuri Kinyua, and Dylan Merrick

2:30-2:45 pm: **Dr. Veronica McKinney, MD, Director, Northern Medical Services (SK-NEIHR Principal Knowledge User)**

- “Mino-witatoskemitawin: Working together in a good way”

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

Dr. Henry, Métis Knowledge Keeper Terri Hansen-Gardiner

Attendees are welcome to stay at Prince Albert Wildlife Federation Grounds until it closes at 5 pm.

Information Booths: Saskatchewan Centre for Patient-Oriented Research (SCPOR), Saskatchewan Polytechnic Saskatoon Northern Inter-Tribal Health Authority (NITHA), Prince Albert Gabriel Dumont Institute & Suntep, and First Nations University of Canada (FNUC) Prince Albert.

Craft booths by Indigenous artisans: Beading Handmade with Love by Kookums Vina and Selma, Infinity Inspired Designs with Karen Mishak (ribbon skirts, Métis sash souvenirs), Kim Conarroe (Métis beadwork crafts and jewellery), and Indigenous 1st Designs (showcases merchandise from local Indigenous artisans).

Sharing photos or thoughts on the day on Facebook or Instagram? Tag us on Facebook at Saskatchewan NEIHR Network, or on Instagram at sk.neihr on your posts and you will be entered in a draw for a \$100 gift card!

Photo and Video Information: As posted, there will be still photography and videography taking place during the Saskatchewan NEIHR Research Engagement Day today. Video will be of presenters, not of attendees. If you do not want your photo or video taken, please inform the photographer and/or videographer (Yellow lanyard). No one will be identified without their written permission. The photographs will be shown only for web-based publications, organizational bulletins, educational, research, or administration purposes, not for commercial uses.