



## Outcomes Report of Activities Supported by Campus Alberta HOPH Meeting Grant

Please provide responses to the six questions below, expanding as necessary to a maximum of two, single-spaced pages.

This report is due April 30, 2018 to [Jamie Day](#).

<b>Date of Report</b>	April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	March 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2018
<b>Title of Meeting</b>	Improving the Quality of Life of Cancer Patients, Survivors, and their Families
<b>Team Lead(s)</b>	Karen Goodman, Heather Curtis and Janis Geary
<b>Amount of Award</b>	\$4,000

**1. Please append the program/agenda for your HOPH-sponsored meeting.**

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**2. Meeting attendance (total number of attendees, affiliations represented, etc):**

Pre-meeting on Nov 17, 2017: MNA Regional Health Committee members, representing Lac La Biche, Bonnyville, Calgary, Edmonton, Slave Lake, and Peace River.

Métis Nation of Alberta: Jill Sporidis, Kelsey Bradburn, Heather Curtis, Emily DeWitt, Christine Dyck, Kyla Prakash

CancerControl Alberta: Warren Michael

CANHelp Working Group (University of Alberta): Janis Geary, Taylor Cromarty, Ali Assi

Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC): Helen Jones, Jessica Mah

Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund: Angeline Letendre

University of Calgary (remote): Nicole Culos-Reed

Total Number of Attendees: 14

**3. Outline the meeting expenses covered by the awarded funding:**

Travel costs for people to attend, catering for 1 breakfast and 1 lunch for participants, facility, honorarium gifts for presenters.

**4. List, provide, or explain outcomes from the meeting (reports, publications, etc):**

Prior to the main meeting, members of the MNA Health Committee met and determined that establishing a volunteer-driven program to increase Métis citizen access to cancer prevention and treatment is a top priority for current resources.



Based on establishing this priority, outcomes from our meeting include the creation of multiple community partnerships with the University of Calgary and Ronald McDonald House Charities. These new partnerships will assist the MNA in the creation of Métis-specific programs to improve the quality of life of cancer patients and their families. The MNA has committed to assist new partners in creating programming and providing services that are culturally relevant and appropriate for Métis people in Alberta.

We will also be sharing resources between partners on how to develop, sustain, and evaluate volunteer-driven cancer support programs. This increased knowledge base will lead to applying for additional funding to support MNA goals in cancer prevention and treatment.

**5. List (with projected timelines and names of participants) what activities or next steps are ensuing from the meeting (follow-up meetings, etc):**

Nicole Culos-Reed of the Thrive Centre: Over the next several weeks, the MNA will receive the organization's volunteer training manual to guide the creation of MNA volunteer policy documents. Colos-Reed also provided suggestions about potential partners who can support the MNA in creating Métis-specific exercise programs for cancer survivors. In the coming months, she will provide guidance in all areas of volunteer program development for the upcoming MNA volunteer transportation program.

Jessica Mah and Helen Jones of RMHC: RMHC is interested in learning how to improve the experiences of Métis families living in the house while their child is experiencing treatment. RMHC showed interest in having their staff members complete Métis 101 training so they can become aware of the unique history and culture of Métis people. It was also suggested that the MNA lead cultural workshops open to all families such as jigging or beading, therefore enhancing appreciation of Métis culture.

It was also suggested that the MNA and RMHC work closely to identify Métis families who require housing assistance by connecting families with the Métis Resource Worker at the MNA provincial office. There are opportunities for RMHC to provide guidance to the MNA in the areas of accommodations and transportation for families experiencing a cancer journey. RMHC has extensive experience in the areas of liability, policy, program criteria, volunteer recruitment, expense reimbursement, and other areas relevant to upcoming MNA programs.

**6. Please provide any additional commentary on the benefits or unexpected consequences arising from the meeting:**

Partners at RMHC are interested in engaging with the MNA to better support Métis families who utilize their programs. As a result of this meeting, MNA staff have been connected to organizations who have been successful in recruiting, engaging, and retaining diverse groups of volunteers.





Agenda:

# Métis Nation of Alberta

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8:45-9:00: Arrivals and breakfast

9:00am-9:45am: Introductions, purpose of the meeting, introduction to MNA governance, overview of unique challenges of the Métis people in accessing cancer care services (including info derived from pre-meeting in November)

9:45am-10:30am: Nicole Culos-Reed "A Model for Volunteer Engagement in Promoting Wellness in Cancer Survivors: The Thrive Centre"

10:30am-10:45am: Facilitated discussion on volunteer engagement and Métis cancer care

10:45am -11:10am: Health Break

11:00am-11:30am: Angeline Letendre – Alberta Cancer Prevention Legacy Fund

11:30am-11:45am: Facilitated Questions

11:45am-12:15pm: Lunch and open discussion

12:15pm-12:45pm: Helen Jones and Jessica Mah – Ronald McDonald House Charities: A Home Away from Home

12:45pm-1:00pm: Facilitated discussion

1:00pm-1:15pm:

What does the data say? What we know about Métis citizens and cancer

Upcoming Projects

1:15pm-1:30pm: Questions

1:30pm-2:00pm:

What have we learned?

Next steps

Closing remarks