<u>THE NATIVE NURSES ENTRY PROGRAM</u> REPORT TO THE OGIMAAWIN ABORIGINAL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

April 16, 2012

This report is intended to update the Council members on the activities of the NNEP since the last report presented at the February 27, 2012 O-AGC meeting.

Student Progress

The NNEP final exams are scheduled to take place on the following dates:

Professional Orientation - March 29; Math 1135 - April 10; Biology 1120 - April 12; English 1808 – April 14; and Chemistry 1070 - April 16.

The NNEP Manager will begin to make the arrangements for the NNEP students who qualify to proceed on the 2-week Field Placement to be completed by the students who have successfully completed all the courses in the Native Nurses entry program maintaining a 70% average or greater overall. The final meeting with the students scheduled to take place on April 23, 2012 to review final marks and any final preparation for the two week field placement experience for those who are eligible

Program Updates

The monthly NNEP Instructors' Meeting was held on March 1, 2012 to discuss student progress/issues in preparation for doing "Checkpoints." The next Instructors' Meeting will take place on April 20, 2012.

The "Checkpoints" continue to be scheduled and carried out with the present NNEP students. This involved discussion of academic and personal progress in the program.

Elder Gerry Martin continues to see the NNEP students to provide one-on-one sessions on a monthly basis. There has been a continuous use of Gerry's guidance and teachings from the previous year's NNEP students as well. On March 17, 2012 Elder Gerry Martin provided a teaching session "Planning for Success" for the NNEP as well any student staff or faculty that wished to attend. There were 15 individuals in attendance.

The End-of Year Feast will take place on April 5, 2012, last day of classes.

The 2 week field placement will commence between the weeks of April 17, 2012 to May 18th, 2011. Some of the prospective field placement locations throughout the City of Thunder Bay include:

Anishnawbe Mushkiki, Norwest Community Health Center, Beendigen, Ontario Native Women's Association, Thunder Bay Indian Friendship Center, AIDS Committee of Thunder Bay, First Nation Inuit Health Branch, and Fort William First Nation Health Center.

Advisory Committee Meeting

The Advisory Committee Meeting will take place on Monday April 23, 2012 in the NNEP Office.

Recruitment for 27th Intake

Since September 2012, 39 application packages have been distributed out via mail and at local and community career fairs. There has been 7 completed application packages received to date and 4 undergraduate applications completed for the 27^{th} NNEP Intake. The first set of NNEP interviews will be scheduled to take place April 24 - 27, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

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