

Winter Update

February 2018

Future DRUM & SASH Logo:
Please see attached call for
Indigenous youth artists to
submit a DRUM & SASH
Logo – **deadline March 31st**

What's included?

- Our new name: DRUM & SASH
- Stay tuned for our website
- Shining Mountains Living Community Services
- Introducing the DRUM & SASH Metis Coordinator, Kandace Ogilvie
- CATIE Training and Upcoming Community Readiness Training
- Updated call for a DRUM & SASH logo



DRUM 1 Team Members

DRUM & SASH NEWSLETTER

Development of a Rural Model for Integrated Shared Care in First Nations and Métis Communities

Introducing **Our New Name: DRUM & SASH**

We are announcing our new project name, “DRUM & SASH”, to be more reflective of our partnerships with the participating First Nation communities and the Métis Nation of Alberta. The Métis Nation of Alberta has designated Shining Mountains Living Community Services Society to be the Métis lead for the DRUM & SASH Project. The decision to change the project name was made after consultation with Shining Mountains, who selected the sash as an appropriate symbol reflecting Métis communities and Métis health and wellness.

What is the sash? Traditionally finger woven from many strands of thin



wool, the sash was historically a multipurpose item and tool. It had many uses, such as: pulling items as a rope, a belt for winter coats, a tool-belt, a medicine pouch, a repair kit (threads could be removed and used to repair clothing) and wrapping and holding babies onto mothers' backs or fronts. The specific uses, as well as colors and patterns likely varied

depending on which community you were from. There are many teachings surrounding the sash, particularly around the meanings of the different colors and patterns. Most sashes are now loom-woven or machine made and are worn as a symbol of Métis identity and pride.

Stay tuned for our future DRUM & SASH website, which is currently under construction at drumandsash.ca

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Sucker Creek

*Updated call for a DRUM &
SASH Logo to reflect our new
name (attached)*

What is Shining Mountains Living Community Services and Who Do They Serve?

Shining Mountains is an Aboriginal owned, operated and staffed community services agency in central Alberta. Their mission is to provide services for Aboriginal People, regardless of status, to build capacity for increased physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual health within under-served populations who are at risk of being affected by HIV/AIDS and/or HCV, regardless of where they reside. Any person can access services that Shining Mountains offers.

Shining Mountains has been operating for over 20 years in Red Deer. The organization provides a range of services for communities and people at risk of HIV/HCV, homelessness, domestic violence, and addictions. They offer cultural training for organizations, education, referral programs and capacity building. Their goal is to help people help themselves and address issues related to HIV, HCV, STIs, homelessness, domestic violence, addiction and self-sufficiency, thereby reducing the incidence of harm to all individuals and communities.

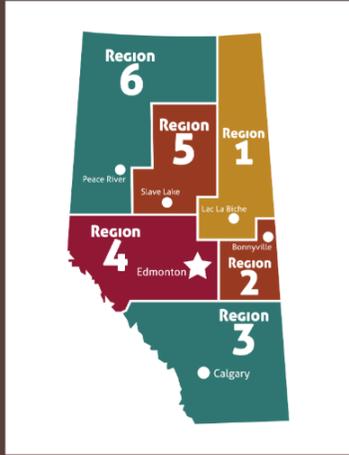
Raye St. Denys is the Executive Director of Shining Mountains. She is working closely with the DRUM & SASH project, as an integral research partner, on behalf of the Métis Nation of Alberta. Carrielynn, Raye and the core DRUM & SASH team are working towards developing a shared care model which will serve Métis individuals within Region 3 of the Metis Nation of Alberta, which is the southernmost quarter of the province, from Red Deer down to the Alberta/US border.

Introducing Kandace Ogilvie, Métis Coordinator for the DRUM & SASH Project



My name is Kandace Ogilvie. I am a 45-year-old mother of two. I have a wonderful 10-year-old son and a beautiful 18-year-old daughter. I have been married for 22 years to my husband Sean. We have lived in Alberta, Red Deer and area, for 22 years. I am a Métis lady, I have my RSW and have worked in the Aboriginal HIV realm for 15 years or so. I am looking forward to working with the DRUM & SASH team, seeing the progress and how it ultimately will benefit my clients.

*Metis Nation of Alberta
Regional Map:*



**Elders Council at DRUM 2
Meeting**

Upcoming Training Opportunities: CATIE Training

<http://educatie.ca/main-en.html>

CATIE strengthens Canada's response to HIV and hepatitis C by bridging research and practice. Their role is to provide up-to-date information and evidence for community-based practitioners and service providers. CATIE provides online, self-directed courses for service providers to improve their knowledge and understanding of HIV and hepatitis C through their eduCATIE.ca platform. The DRUM & SASH project is coordinating a cohort of community-based service providers involved with the project to take the online-based training together. By taking the training together, service providers and community research associates involved with DRUM & SASH can learn from each other and ask questions in a context which is relevant to the work of the DRUM & SASH project.

If you are interested in participating and have not already connected with Carrielynn, please send her an email indicating your interest.

Community Readiness Training

Community Readiness training will be held in Edmonton on April 16th and 17th at HIV Edmonton in the Gallery room. There is limited space (35) so community partners will have first priority for attending.

Community Readiness is a model for community change that integrates the community's culture, resources and level of readiness to more effectively address an issue. ... Readiness is "the degree to which a community is prepared to take action on an issue".

The training will include an overview of the process, revising the interview questions to reflect community context, how to conduct the interviews and evaluation. This training will be focused on HIV and will be followed by another training session in October that focuses on Hepatitis C.

Please contact Carrielynn if you have not already registered and are interested in taking the training.

Canadian Public Health Association (CPHA)

Background: Stigma is widely recognized as a significant barrier to the prevention, management and treatment of sexually transmitted and blood-borne infections (STBBIs) in Canada. Despite major advances in STBBI prevention and treatment, and global efforts to reduce stigma, people living with or affected by STBBIs continue to experience stigma within health and social service settings in Canada.

Objective: to provide training workshops designed to equip health and social service professionals with the knowledge and skills needed to provide more respectful and inclusive sexual health, harm reduction and STBBI services.

We are currently working with CPHA on a date in May to conduct this training. It will be a 2-day training and will be followed by community-specific sessions to make the slide presentations appropriate within the community context.

Look for emails from Carrielynn in the near future for dates and logistics.

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