

DAKOTA OJIBWAY TRIBAL COUNCIL

“Indian control of Indian Development”



Canupawakpa Dakota Nation

Long Plain First Nation

Swan Lake First Nation

Birdtail Sioux First Nation

Roseau River Anishinabe First Nation

Sioux Valley Dakota Nation

Waywayseecappo First Nation

Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation

Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation

Council of Chiefs Chairman's Message

Chief Ken Chalmers, Chair
DOTC Council of Chiefs

The DOTC Newsletter is an important means of communicating to reader on activities undertaken by Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council. Our main goal is to inform our reader on outcomes of activities the various programs are responsible for delivering for benefit of the nine (9) DOTC member First Nation Nations and, their respective members.

In line with its history of innovative approach and outlook, the Tribal Council has proactively engaged in “marketing and networking” to mainstream Canada. Two major initiatives are DOTC First Nations Pavilion and the DOTC Annual Golf Tournament. These two events are increasingly now known and, attract important stakeholders from major sectors such as First Nations and Aboriginal, Business and Education. We believe initiatives such these are an investment to future partnerships but also an important means by get to know and understand each other.

The reader is aware about the history and legacy of Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council. Established in 1972, it has acquired a reputation and recognition for its innovative initiatives and outlook. However, perceptions and outlooks can and do evolve. The reader should note the three First Nations belonging to DOTC-(Canupawakpa Dakota Nation, Dakota Plains Wahpeton First Nation and Sioux Valley Dakota Nation)- have formally informed of their decision to withdraw as members of DOTC. The remaining six (6) member First Nations remain highly supportive of the Tribal Council and, they will continue to play a major role. The effective date of withdrawal by the three mentioned First Nations is April 1, 2012.

The Council of Chiefs, DOTC Administration and Programs congratulate Dakota Ojibway Child and Services on its 30th anniversary and the formal Grand Opening of new offices. DOCFS is now located in the newly built building that is south of Carberry. This new building belongs to Swan Lake First Nation and, we all congratulate Chief and Council and the members on completion of this project.

DOTC Annual General Meeting will take place on October 25, 2011. We thank Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation for offering to host the meeting.

Message from the CEO

Robert Daniels, CEO
Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council

At the outset, I appreciate the commitment with which Mangers and staff of the various DOTC Programs work to deliver the required services on behalf of the nine (9) DOTC member First Nations and their members. I am pleased to provide some major highlights of activities undertaken by DOTC Administration during April-August 2011. These are in addition to normal and routine administrative responsibilities falling under the main areas of the executive, finance and operations.

2011 witnessed devastating floods that affected a great portion our province. Within DOTC, communities such as Roseau River and Sandy Bay were most affected. DOTC and its relevant programs such as ORH and Fire Safety provided support to the efforts undertaken within the communities.

During the summer months, April- August, in addition to its administrative duties and responsibilities, DOTC Administration is involved in delivery of two major marketing and networking initiatives- DOTC First Nations Pavilion and the DOTC Annual Golf Tournament.

The DOTC First Nations Pavilion was again convened in partnership with the University of Winnipeg. It took place at the Riddell Hall, University of Winnipeg, August 7-13, 2011. As with last year, “marketing through culture and education”, the objective was to inform and raise awareness about the rich culture, history and traditions and, the accomplishments of the First Nations and Aboriginal people across Manitoba. There was an increase in the number of visitors to the pavilion- 3500 in 2010 to 4250 in 2011. The audience, consisting of our people and those from segments of the mainstream society, appreciated the excellent dances and singing, cultural displays and the cuisine. Eminent personalities from within the First Nations served as masters of ceremonies to the shows and, this allowed for us to profile them as effective role-models and achievers from our community. We thank our main supporters- Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, Royal Bank Canada and Enbridge.

DOTC Annual Golf Tournament took place at the Elmhurst Golf and Country Club, July 6, 2011. With 160 participants, the tournament was sold out! Positive comments and reviews from all at the success of the event can be judged by the following- 160 golfers participated, a great golfing and networking, excellent food and, last but not least, team prizes for all. While we thank all our member First Nations and supporters, we would be remiss in not making a special mention of Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation- who was our sole gold sponsor which was in addition to the four teams it sponsored. Thank you Sandy Bay Ojibway First Nation!

Staff members from DOTC Administration and DOTC Programs participated at the annual “DOTC Staff Capacity Development Workshop” at the Stoney Nakoda, Alberta, August 17-18th, 2011. Workshop sessions were devoted to “team building”, round-table discussions and project-management. A presentation on “DOTC First Nations Pavilion: A Study in Project Management” guided the discussion on a subject (Project Management) which assumes importance in light of the time-sensitive funding agreements that First Nations and Aboriginal people have with the various levels of governments.

More to report in the December issue of the DOTC Newsletter.

Pursue Your Potential with RBC



RBC has a long heritage of supporting initiatives for Aboriginal peoples to create meaningful employment opportunities for the individual, and prosperity for the community. We are constantly designing ways to allow you to build a career with RBC, while building skills for the future. Take advantage of our opportunities for education, scholarships, mentorships and potential career development and begin your studies today.

Aboriginal Stay in School Program

Are you a student in grade 9 through 12? Looking for a summer job that will help lay the foundation for a rewarding career in the future? Since 1993, we've been offering the opportunity to earn and learn at RBC Royal Bank during summer vacation. That way, you can go back to school with renewed interest and enthusiasm and continue to build on skills you can apply toward the career of your choice. This is a great way to get in on the ground floor and many participants have since been hired by RBC Royal Bank as full-time employees.

Aboriginal Summer Internship Program

In our three-year national summer internship program, you'll experience the challenges and rewards of working in the financial services industry and gain first-hand experience in a variety of career options. We'll give you a head start to a full-time career as a financial professional, and support you as you help to build your community by advancing Aboriginal cultural awareness and leveraging the skills you develop at RBC.

You'll participate in comprehensive training for the Client Service Representative and Account Manager roles, and gain hands-on experience providing superior customer services to valued RBC clients. You'll receive coaching from your manager, your mentor, and members of your regional Aboriginal Employee Resource Group, the RBC Royal Eagles.

Eligible students wishing to apply must be Status Indian, Non-Status Indian, Inuit or Metis, and be enrolled in any three year or longer post-secondary program such as Business Administration, Social Sciences, or Accounting and Finance. Interns who excel by the end of the third summer will receive advance offers for full-time positions beginning after graduation. Placements are available across Canada.

Program Eligibility Requirements:

- Previous customer service experience in any industry such as hospitality, retail, health or community service
- Leadership skills demonstrated through school, sports, and community or work experience
- Demonstrated strength in relationship-building with an aptitude for communicating with others

Aboriginal Student Awards Program

Planning on attending or applying to post-secondary programs in Canada? You may be eligible for one of eight educational awards worth up to \$4,000 each. RBC Royal Bank launched the Aboriginal Student Awards Program in 1992 as a way to help offset the cost of tuition, text books and supplies, and contribute to living expenses during the academic year. The maximum amount of each award is \$4,000 a year for up to four years. Plus, there's potential for summer and post graduate employment for award recipients.

Find out more about these great programs, as well as our commitment to Aboriginal youth. Contact:

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School Maintenance Training Program (SMTP)

With this new fiscal year 2011-12, SMTP is now in its fifth year of operation. The mandate of the program is to undertake a preventative and proactive approach to maintaining school-buildings located in First Nations across Manitoba. In working to fulfill this mandate, the two staff-members of the SMTP, undertake a minimum of two visits per year to each of the 55 First Nation schools in 48 First Nation communities. During these on-site visits, staff-members interact and work with the maintenance staff at school providing them with support and "hands on" training.

Reporting requirements for 2010-11 have been completed. As per requirements of the funding agreement, SMTP has forwarded all the completed reporting to INAC. The mandate and required deliverables continued to be met. The designing and implementing of Maintenance Management Plans (MMP) by the maintenance staff nears completion. The MMP is a valuable tool by which to schedule and monitor all required work.

On-site visits were slow during the first quarter because of major flooding in some areas across the province. At this time, four (4) schools in the Interlake remain closed and the reopening of these facilities for September enrolment is still questionable. SMTP staff believes that the issue of mold, in many of these Firsts Nation schools, could become the number one deficiency listed on the maintenance workers MMP.

The SMTP staff successfully participated and completed two (2) Professional Development training programs. The first program was a three day program in Water Restoration Technician Training. The second program was a four day Applied Microbial Remediation (mold) Technician training. SMTP staff-members are now certified in both areas. This training will be tested during this new fiscal year as the flooding will certainly see mold become an issue.

We at the SMTP look forward to a productive year. Preventative maintenance is the key to lowering the cost of replacement in the operation of any facility and with the maintenance workers retaining their positions at the schools, knowledge, team work and productivity will realize a more cost efficient operation in the future.

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Post Secondary Education Student Counselling Services

Education has been busy over the summer getting our sponsored students ready for the new 2011-2012 academic year. Education is working on making sure all students have settled in at their schools; whether it is in Brandon, Winnipeg or elsewhere. They all have interest in learning and to work hard in getting their education. We wish them all the best as they begin their studies for the new year.

In June 2011, education had 15 graduates who have successfully completed their programs and have found employment after graduating. One of our successful graduates of June 2011 is Frederick Eastman Jr. Fred graduated from the Aboriginal Community Development program at Assiniboine Community College and is now employed with D.O.C.F.S. as a Child & Family Services Worker.

Below is a short list of students who have achieved their education and have moved on to work in their field of studies: Crystal Sandy/B.Ed/Brandon University/Teacher, Tara Sandy/B.Ed./Brandon University/Teacher, Sandra Smoke/Business Administration/Assiniboine Community College/ACC - Dakota Plains Band Administrator, Crystal Bunn/Aboriginal Community Development/Assiniboine Community College/Aboriginal Services Officer, Sherilyn Chaske/ First Nation Child & Family Service Worker/D.O.C.F.S.

Interested in going to school in January 2012;

Deadline date for applications is October 15th, 2011.

D.O.T.C. Education continues to help anyone who would like to gain a post-secondary education. If you are interested in going school and would like more information on sponsorship; please call our office at 1-204-729-3610 or drop by the office which is located at

#2 – 345 – 10th Street, Brandon, MB.

Irene Graveson - Director of Education
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Fire Prevention Safety Program

The focus of this submission is to inform our readers on activities undertaken and outcomes to date.

The program will be having its second fundraising "Burn Fund" Golf Tournament at the Sunnyside Golf Course in Brandon on September 23, 2011. It is a two-person best with registration at 11:00 AM with tee-off at 12:00 noon.

The program is in midst of undertaking preventative activities in conjunction with information provided by the Fire Commissioner's office. Current and those planned activities involve visits among others to the schools, daycares and head-start programs. The idea is to educate and inform from an early age with respect preventing fires. The shift in emphasis is to visit the schools during the year instead of performing once a year visitations.

We will also be working with the local fire departments and First Nations on accessing more funding for the fire program in the communities. There are other inspections and work that need to be done and we'll work closely with all First Nations when called.

For more information or any questions don't hesitate to call me at 204-5283 or e-mail me at fireprevention@dotc.mb.ca.

Stacy Pratt, Fire Prevention Officer, 1-204-871-5253.



Dakota Ojibway Health Services

The last few months have been incredibly busy but also exciting! DOHS is now fully staffed with the inclusion of the new position of the Case Management Coordinator. Joelyn Foadi-Frenette begins work with DOHS on September 8th. She will be visiting all the DOTC communities.

Shannon Wilson, Tribal Home & Community Care Coordinator has completed community visits whose primary purpose is to review Service Delivery Plans and offer any support required by the Home & Community Care Programs. Shannon has been to Birdtail Sioux, Canupawakpa, Long Plains, Swan Lake, & Waywayseecappo.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the Home & Community Care programs in DOTC as they were the first Tribal Council to complete all the year-end reports!!!

Darwin Ironstand, NAYSPS/FASD Coordinator is working to support the creation of collaborative, community-based approaches to develop and implement local suicide prevention (work) plans that are linked to a larger supportive network- Tribal Council NAYSPS Work plan. He has also held several training sessions namely safeTALK (two day workshop June 23-24), safeTALK T4T (two day training session) and Peer Support Training (4 day workshop, June 27-30 and August 15-18). The overall objective of these workshops is to provide practical approaches to participants to enable them to deal with persons having thoughts of suicide. The main approach is to provide both the youth and the worker with accurate, non-judgemental information and, network to share learning.

Sherry Daniels, Health Analyst has visited a number of DOTC Communities and their Health Centres as part of the DOHS Team. The purpose of the visits is to meet the frontline workers and to see how the health programs are delivered. Another area of focus for the Health Analyst is to liaise with other First Nation organizations and be aware of the current environment in the region regarding health and of the potential impacts on the DOTC Communities. The Health Analyst recently attended the AMC Assembly as an Observer.

Amanda Mentuck NNADAP/BF Coordinator provided training and support to the DOTC communities focusing on personal development and cultural competence. Related to personal development, DOHS convened a workshop for DOTC frontline workers on the creation of a professional portfolio to showcase successes and achievements. Additionally, it is to help complete the PATH process for goals to be met in the current fiscal year.

In the area of cultural competence, DOHS provided a workshop by Anishinabe Helper Beatrice Ironstand. The workshop focused on the Anishinabe creation story. The feedback from participants was positive. DOHS also had the opportunity to participate in various community events, such as a youth cultural camp and community health fairs.

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Dakota Ojibway Police Service (DOPS)

The outcomes/achievements listed below possible because of the hard work and dedication of our members and employees.

Staffing/Personnel: The Police Service is pleased to announce the graduation of six new recruits in June of this year. This is one of the largest DOPS classes of recruits in recent history. We have also seconded an experienced member from the St. Anne Police Department for a limited term who is assigned to Sioux Valley Detachment. DOPS continues to aggressively recruit with several promising candidates commencing recruit training this fall.



Crime Prevention/Community: Our youth programs in Sioux Valley (Cadets) and Sandy Bay (Youth Corps) are established with core funding from the Provincial Lighthouse Programs in place. Successful Road Safety days were held in both Canupawakpa and Birdtail with DOPS members participating in the activities with community members and young people. This year's summer student program was a success as they helped to facilitate constructive summer activities for the young people in the communities.

Infrastructure: The renovations/new detachment facility in Sandy Bay is complete, with a Grand Opening to be scheduled for later this fall. This project was long overdue and our members are excited to be working out of the new facility, which provides more space and a safe and healthier work environment.

Partnerships: We partner with other law enforcement agencies, such as the Brandon Police Service, RCMP and Winnipeg Police Service for training and specialty support services. DOPS is now a member of Central Intelligence Services Manitoba (CISM) which increases our intelligence capacity. DOPS also partners with Manitoba Office of the Fire Commission for Search and Rescue (SARMAN) and USAR-K9 (Police Service Dog).

DOPS is also actively involved in the Manitoba Critical Incident Stress Management Network. This network is vital in helping the Police Service and members in communities to deal with the stressful effects of critical incidents. Support for Roadwatch Program arises from our partnership with MPI. We recently have also partnered with MPI, Manitoba Justice, John Howard Society and Addictions Foundation of Manitoba in a crime prevention program referred to as the MPI Speaker Bureau. This bureau is comprised of a group of presenters who have firsthand knowledge on the effects of impaired driving.

We look forward to continued work with the communities to further enhance service.

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D.A. (Doug) Palson, Chief of Police
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DOTC Housing Authority Inc. (DOTCHAI)

Personnel

The Housing Authority has gone through some major personnel changes in the last few months. Darlene Daniels resigned from her position as accounts clerk/office supervisor effective April 15, 2011. Sandra Fontaine, administrative assistant also resigned from her position to pursue other job opportunities closer to her First Nation community. We are in the process of filling this position.

Georgina Brass has been transferred to the Winnipeg and Portage area which has left a void in the tenant relations officer position in the Brandon area. Posting for this position has been posted.

Matured units

Since January 01, 2011, mortgages for a significant number of units have matured. This means subsidies for these units have ceased. All units that have matured have been disbursed to the eight member bands by way of a draft system. Two of the First Nations have opted to pull their units from DOTCHAI and, therefore will be taking over the operation of their own units. Tenants in those units were notified of the change in ownership.

Phase 2

This 6 unit project in Brandon is now complete. On August 1, 2011, keys were turned over to six happy households. These newly built units have alleviated the waiting list to some extent, but there is still a long way to go.

Phase 3

A 32 unit project is being explored for the Winnipeg area and, at it is currently it in the preliminary stage. DOTCHAI has employed the services of Prospec Canada, a professional project management group. This company was instrumental in the start-up and completion of phase-1 and phase-2 projects in Brandon. A pre-development fund agreement has been negotiated and once that is in place we can begin the process of finding land to purchase in the city of Winnipeg suitable to the needs of First Nations..

Submitted:

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On-Reserve Housing Infrastructure

Effective March 31, 2011, I have assumed the position of Program Manager for On Reserve Housing Program. The program is responsible for providing housing and technical services. I am familiar with the program and all its workings as I was employed as Inspector/Advisor to the program. I look forward to working with colleagues in DOTC and those based in the member First Nations to delivering the required services to meet the mandate of the ORH program. I will be responsible for the overseeing and providing services related to housing and technical services to Canupawaka, Birdtail Sioux, Sioux Valley and Waywayseecappo.

Effective May 9, 2011, Nelson Nepinak has assumed the position of Inspector/Advisory. To this position he brings his experience gained while working with the West Region Tribal Council. Resulting also from his work-related experiences with other organizations, he is equipped to carry out all aspects of the functions required of the position. Nelson will be responsible for working with Roseau River, Swan Lake, Long Plain, Dakota Plains and Sandy Bay.

The programs listed will be the main focus of On Reserve Housing- Section 95 Band Owned Rental Program, Residential Rehabilitation Program (RRAP), PCRS for DOTC bands, HASI programs and Disaster Fund Assistance inspections for EMO/MANFF. The program will also explore Youth Internship Program from CMHC to serve the DOTC First Nations, Global Positioning Systems for all housing on DOTC First Nations to help with emergency responders such as RCMP, Fire & Ambulances. In order to increase revenue, the program will consider seeking contracts for housing inspections in other areas across Manitoba and, hopefully undertake work for EMO/MANFF related to Disaster Fund Assistance inspections for EMO/MANFF

For further information or clarification, please contact us at 239-8652.

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DAKOTA OJIBWAY FIRST NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY INC. (DOFNHAI)

The end of a great summer has is coming to an end and DOFNHAI is well into the 2011 fiscal year. DOFNHAI has had a very busy year in addressing various major issues. In addressing the task and priorities DOFNHAI has addressed business planning for maturing units. It had coordinated a conference with the DOTCHA staff and DOTCHA board members held at Elkhorn Conference Room November 18 & 19/2010. The conference addressed that the both organizations DOTCHAI and DOFNHAI are going through a changing transition regarding Mature Units. When a unit is mature it no longer qualifies for subsidy and therefore rent will be calculated at a Market rent. This will be on-going until the year 2029. In total 77 properties have matured as of 2011. To date 51 properties have been transferred to the various First Nations that represent the Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council.

Currently we are conducting our Annual Home Inspections 2011. The information is being compiled and will be submitted to the DOFNHAI board and MHRC. The Tenant Handbook has been revised and is presently disseminated upon the Annual Home Inspections 2011.

The well being of this organization relies on the relationship with Manitoba Housing Renewal Corporation. DOFNHAI has built an excellent relationship with their stakeholders.

The Stimulus Economic Project is complete. Major renovations and retrofit of 60 properties were addressed. These major renovations included new roofs, new furnaces, and new hot water tanks.

Major renovations and repairs were done at the Arden block. The leak in the roof was addressed by a complete renewal of the roof membrane. The apartment interior has had major paint renovations addressed to the stairwells and the interior of the block. The walls on each floor were patched, primed and painted. The fire panel was replaced. The carpets were steamed and deodorized on in all common areas including all seven floors.

The audit for 2010-2011 was completed, and concluded that the overall year was successful with a lot of major renovations done to many units.

The DOFNHAI Board and staff meet monthly to conduct business addressing the various day to day organizational issues.

Val Whitford, Manager 1-204-988 5375

Dakota Ojibway Community Futures Development Corporation (DOCFDC)

The Dakota Ojibway CFDC assists and promotes economic development activity by delivering a wide range of business and community economic development programs and services. The following projects and activities were implemented and/or delivered from the period April 1, 2011 to August 31, 2011.



Junior Achievement: DOCFDC continues to partner with Junior Achievement of Manitoba (JA) to deliver the JA Program in First Nation Schools in Southern Manitoba. The objective of the JA Program is to inspire young Manitobans to explore the world of business, economics and free enterprise. A total of 30 programs were delivered with a total of 417 students participating.

Community Websites: DOCFDC in partnership with Manitoba Innovation, Energy and Mines, will provide communities with \$4,000.00 to create and/or enhance community websites. This one-time funding will allow communities to market themselves regionally. The funding can be utilized to contract a local entrepreneur or a group of students as a class project.

Business Services: DOCFDC provided 73 business advisory services to 19 clients. Advisory services include, loan inquiries, loan monitoring, loan counselling and business plan assistance. We also assisted with 108 requests for information and general inquiries.

Vision Quest Conference and Trade Show was held on May 17-19, 2011 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. Vision Quest Conferences Inc. is a partnership of six Manitoba Aboriginal Community Futures Development Corporations: Cedar Lake CFDC, Dakota Ojibway CFDC, Kitayan CFDC, North Central CFDC, Northwest CFDC and Southeast CFDC.

2011 was a very special year for Vision Quest as it celebrated its 15th Annual Conference! This year was another banner year **with over 1,200 participants** taking part in workshops, keynote presentations, trade show, youth programming, networking events and gala banquet. Vision Quest offered **16 interactive workshops** on a variety of business, community and economic development topics. This year's **sold out trade show** attracted **over 90 exhibitors**. Vision Quest sponsored six artists from the Manitoba Region to participate in the Trade Show. Earl Mousseau (Curly's Crafts) from Sandy Bay First Nation was the winner of the complimentary trade show booth for the DOTC Region.

Our Conference theme "From Vision to Reality" celebrates the achievements of Aboriginal people within the business community and beyond. Both of our keynote speakers, **Roberta Jamieson**, CEO of the National Aboriginal Achievement Foundation and Manitoba's own **Theoren Fleury**, former NHL All-Star, Stanley Cup Winner and Olympic Gold Medalist, presented their own very personal journey from vision to reality.

Thank You to all the DOTC members who participated in the conference! Special thanks to the following sponsors, businesses, and service providers from the DOTC Region: Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council – Table Sponsor, Clement Travel Services- Grand Prize Draw, Mother Earth Tobacco, Patrick Ross, Artist- Sioux Valley Dakota Nation, Plains Ojibway Singers and Dance Troupe- Long Plain First Nation Please mark your calendars for the 16th Annual Vision Quest Conference May 15-17, 2012. For more information please visit our web-site: www.vqconference.com.

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Dakota Ojibway Child and Family Services (DOCFCS)

The summer has just zipped by for DOCFCS.

The Administration Office staff and all of the sub-offices were busy planning for the 30th Anniversary / Grand Opening event which took place on September 1, 2011. The event was a resounding success with an attendance of approximately 500 people. Each office had a display as well as a children's activity at their tipi. Throughout the day, under the Big Top, there was local entertainment and a Pow Wow demonstration. A number of dignitaries were present to offer their congratulations for the occasion.

The Summer Cultural Camps were held throughout the months of June and July. The Staff Cultural Camp was held on the weekend of June 24, 25 and 26th weekend with 67 staff in attendance. The Boys Cultural Camp took place on July 4 – 7 and there were 26 boys in attendance. The Girls Cultural Camp was on July 11 – 14 and there were 40 girls in attendance while, the Family Cultural Camp was on the July 22 – 24th weekend and there was approximately 78 participants in attendance. The success of Cultural Camps is due to the commitment of the Camp Coordinators, Cultural Workers, Community Resources and all the staff who worked diligently in bringing to the above camps the children and their foster families. As each year the number of those attending is fairly stable, it is an indication of the necessity for this learning.

All sub-offices are now developing the Family Enhancement (Differential Response) Program and starting to deliver service with a focus on prevention. During the months of September and October a series of workshops will take place involving community leadership and the community resources/collaterals. The objective is to facilitate a process of networking, to ensure the protection of children and the preservation of families within each of our communities. The process will stress the importance of parental responsibility and the significance of extended family. Parents taking increased responsibility for their children should lead to a lower number of children in care. If extended family were more responsible for "the family" this should result in a decline in the required number of foster homes (non First Nation and off reserve). This is a very positive move and we should see some successes within the next couple of years.

All in all, DOCFCS continues to offer a culturally appropriate service to the membership of our six communities.

Bobbi Pompana, Executive Director
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DOTC Social Development Program

INAC Compliance Reviews

Compliance reviews were conducted on the Income Assistance Program at Sandy Bay in July and Canupawakpa in August. Both First Nations have a potential of attaining a 100% compliance rate. Congratulations to Sandy Bay Income Assistance Administrator Leah Roulette and staff. Congratulations are also in order to Canupawakpa Income Assistance Administrator Catherine Brown and staff for a much improved administration of their programs.

University College of the North (UCN)

UCN was the successful institution to deliver a course designed for Income Assistance Administrators. The course, Social Development Active Measures Diploma Program, is scheduled to commence September 27, 2011 at Canad Inn Polo Park in Winnipeg, Manitoba. DOTC has 5 seats available for the modular 4 year program. First Nation support through their post secondary program is required for tuition and travel, accommodation, meals for 1week a month.

Active Measures initiative

In 2010-11, the Social Development Advisors Technical Group consisting of representatives from the 7 Tribal Councils, some independent First Nations, and Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs developed two projects:

- * Community Active Measures Representatives: Youth Leadership in Action- the project seeks to empower the spirit of the youth and undertake active measures by choosing education, training, work experience and employment, entrepreneurship, or living the traditional lifestyle on the lands.
- * Case Management- workshops were held in each tribal area, and followed by a conference to encourage all staff and leaders in First Nations to work together and help people on Income Assistance make the change to active measures.

More information on these projects is included in the Active Measures Binder which all our First Nations received,

Next Steps

National Active Measure Project funding will continue during this fiscal year. Manitoba Region proposals for a maximum funding of \$300,000 were submitted to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Affairs Canada (AANDC) HQ. If these proposals receive approval, Community Active Measures Representatives Youth Leadership in Action will employ youth at DOTC and, Case Management will support the introduction and implementation of case management initiative through the DOTC Health Program.

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Yellowquill College



Greetings to all! We are back for another school year and entering our 27th year of operation!

The college is currently still operating out of Assiniboine Avenue however a move will occur before January 2012. Our new location will be on 480 Madison Avenue; close to Polo Park shopping centre. The new location will be able a larger facility and all of our programs will be under one roof.

A couple of new programs are starting this year: 1) the Community Health Worker program – a certificate and diploma is offered and is designed for community health workers wanting to enhance their skills. It is a modular program enabling those health workers who are currently employed to study while continuing to work. 2) The second program is the Chronic Disease Prevention program – a program designed to meet the needs of those working in the field of community health and includes an introduction to chronic disease. This is also a modular program. More information on other programs being offered at the college can be found on our website at www.yellowquill.org.

College accreditation is one initiative being worked on this year. The college will be undergoing an evaluation process in accordance with guidelines under the National Indigenous Accreditation Board; a secondary group under the National Association of Indigenous Institutes of Higher Learning. The intent is to acquire accreditation through NIAB.

A busy year coming up for everyone at the college and thank everyone for your continued support!!

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DOTC First Nations Pavilion 2011

- Photography by Mr. Robert Dearden



2011 DOTC Golf Tournament

