



SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY  
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## **Shared Session: COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery / Health Legislation**

### **DIALOGUE SESSION**

**December 6, 2021, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM EST**

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#### **SESSION PLAN:**

##### *COVID-19*

The purpose of this portion of the session is to provide updates on the work of AFN National COVID-19 Task Force as it continues to advocate for First Nations needs and pandemic supports as mandated by Resolution 03/2020 and support discussion on what is needed to support First Nations recovery and healing.

##### *Co-Developing Distinctions-Based Health Legislation*

Resolution 69/2017 directed the AFN to explore legislative options to help improve health outcomes for First Nations. This dialogue session will provide an update on this work and seek feedback from Chiefs on a strategy to move forward. The presentation will outline the federal government's current approach, the AFN's proposed role in the engagement plans and discuss Draft Resolution XX: Supporting First Nations Participation in the Development of Distinctions-Based Health Legislation.

#### **SPEAKERS:**

1. Regional Chief, Marlene Poitras
2. Laura Sharp and James Hopkins, Nahwegahbow Corbiere Genoodmagejig Barristers and Solicitors
3. Patrick Boucher, Senior Assistant Deputy Minister, First Nations and Inuit Health Branch, Indigenous Services Canada (to be confirmed)
4. AFN Staff: Andrew Bisson (Director, Health)



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## AGENDA:

Time	Agenda Item	Leads	Documents
11:00 am	<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Knowledge Keeper Ivy Raine	
11:05 am	<b>Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Welcome and Introductions</b>	Regional Chief Poitras	
11:07 am	<b>COVID-19 Task Force Overview and Update</b>	Regional Chief Poitras (TBC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. AFN PPT: COVID-19</li><li>2. <i>A New Path Forward</i> Paper Executive Summary</li><li>3. <i>Lost in the Numbers</i> Paper Executive Summary</li></ol>
11:20 am	<b>Discussion and Question and Answer</b>	Andrew Bisson (moderator)	
11:30 am	<b>Break</b>		
11:40 am	<b>Distinctions-Based Health Legislation - Overview</b>	Andrew Bisson	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. AFN PPT: Distinctions-Based Health Legislation</li></ol>
11:55 am	<b>Discussion and Question and Answer</b>	Andrew Bisson Patrick Boucher (TBC) Laura Sharp James Hopkins	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>5. Draft Resolutions: Supporting First Nations Participation in the development of distinctions-based health legislation</li></ol>
12:25 pm	<b>Closing Prayer</b>		
12:30 pm	<b>Meeting Adjourns</b>		



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## **SUPPORTING MATERIAL:**

### **1. List of Supporting Materials:**

#### **COVID-19**

- AFN Power Point Presentation: COVID-19: “AFN COVID-19 National Task Force Update and On-going Priorities”
- A New Path Forward Paper Executive Summary
- Lost in the Numbers Paper Executive Summary

#### **Health Legislation**

- AFN Power Point Presentation: “Co-Developing Distinctions-Based Health Legislation” Special Chiefs Assembly, December 2021
- Draft Resolution XX: Supporting First Nations Participation in the Development of Distinctions-Based Health Legislation