

## **February, 2008 COMMUNITY GATHERING**

### **GATHERING OF COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

**February 11-12, 2008**

**Victoria Inn, Winnipeg MB**

Health providers and administrators from the eight pilot Manitoba First Nation communities convened together with project team members to share information about the challenges and successes of delivering foot care in First Nation communities as part of a collaborative strategic planning process. The event marked the beginning of a Manitoba First Nation community foot care network. Participants were informed about the project partnership mandate and preliminary data collected from key stakeholders in diabetes care. Group discussion on the information collected from project interviews, workshops and meetings generated valuable feedback and verification of the developing project database from community stakeholders.

A [framework for foot care in Manitoba First Nations](#), developed from synthesis of preliminary data, was introduced. Community stakeholders addressed the application of this framework toward the eight distinct health systems of pilot First Nation communities during breakout group planning sessions. Five strategies in the project framework were reviewed in the planning sessions:

1. A strategy for the exchange of knowledge
2. A strategy for streamlined communication & collaboration
3. A strategy for review of health policy
4. A strategy for the engagement of people
5. A strategy for the management of information

Constructive debate on current issues in foot care and exchange of ideas on best models of care occurred between participants during the planning sessions. The priorities identified and recommendations put forward by community partners during the planning sessions have been instrumental in the development of the Manitoba First Nations Patient Wait Times Guarantee (MFPWTG) project strategic plan.

The new, community-based health information system, [the Musti'muhw Community Health Information System Model](#), is currently being developed and implemented in three pilot Manitoba First Nation communities as part of the MFPWTG project strategy for management of information. A demonstration of the software application and capabilities of the Musti'muhw Model was provided.

### **PROGRAM & PRESENTATIONS**

**Monday, February 11, 2008**

**Tuesday, February 12, 2008**