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MEMORANDUM TO: CONNIE UETRECHT, ONTARIO PUBLIC HEALTH
ASSOCIATION (OHPA)
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RE: **Aboriginal Health Blueprint – Engagement of Non-Aboriginal
Key Stakeholders: Summary of Responses from Ontario's
Public Health Stakeholders**

On June 16, 2005, I issued a memo requesting the advice and recommendations of key public health stakeholders regarding the development of concrete initiatives on Aboriginal health that may be considered as part of the development of a national Aboriginal Health Blueprint.

In response to this request, I received important and useful information regarding the public health programs and services that are currently available for Aboriginal people both on- and off-reserve. In addition, the potential gaps in existing programming, and opportunities for developing new strategies and initiatives were brought to my attention.

The attached document provides an overview of the process to develop the provincial component of the national Aboriginal Health Blueprint, and a summary of key findings from the survey of public health stakeholders.

I hope that you will find the attached document both interesting and valuable with regard to future planning. I also encourage you to take this opportunity to provide any additional comments regarding existing or future public health initiatives that may support improving the health status of Ontario's Aboriginal population.

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Additional comments can be forwarded to Camille Jones, Senior Policy & Business Analyst, Corporate Liaison and Resource Service, Public Health Division, by e-mail at Camille.Jones@moh.gov.on.ca or by calling 416-327-7397.

Again, thank you for your ongoing support in advancing the Blueprint agenda.



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Attachment

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