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All Band Social Development Workers
Holders of the Social Development
Policy and Procedures Manual
British Columbia Region

Dear Band Social Development Workers:

I am writing to provide you with information regarding the upcoming service delivery changes as described in the May 8, 2015 letter sent to all British Columbia Chiefs and Councils from the Regional Director General. First, allow me to clarify that these changes have no impact on First Nation income assistance programs, services or funding.

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada has been working with the First Nations Social Development Society over the past 18 months to try to address concerns with the Society's service and program delivery. The Department has now concluded that the services the Society provides would be better delivered by alternative providers.

As of July 1, 2015, the Persons with Disabilities and Monthly Nutritional Supplement Programs will be administered by the BC Aboriginal Network on Disability Society. There will be no change in the services and programs provided to band social development workers and income assistance clients as a result of this change.

All Income Assistance Policy support services provided to band social development workers, including training, policy clarification services and the provision of resources and tools, will be transferred to other organizations or managed directly by the Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada.

The First Nations Social Development Society will continue to provide policy clarification, training and manage online resources and tools until September 30, 2015. AANDC is exploring alternative for training, and policy support, however AANDC staff will provide these services until other supports are available.

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada is committed to ensuring that band social development workers are supported and have access to the policy information, resources and the training they need to perform their jobs and serve their clients.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please contact William McArthur, Manager Social Programs, at (604) 775-5100 or by email at William.McArthur@aandc.gc.ca.

Yours truly,



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