



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**BRITISH COLUMBIA ABORIGINAL NETWORK ON DISABILITY SOCIETY**

AND THE

**VANCOUVER ISLAND HEALTH AUTHORITY**

for the delivery of Medical Health Officer Services

**Mutual Goal:** To ensure excellence in services for the First Nation, on reserve population of British Columbia.

**Purpose of Agreement:** To outline the roles and responsibilities of the BCANDS and the Vancouver Island Health Authority, for the provision of Medical Health Officer support services to the Society.

This agreement builds on the joint and existing commitment of the BCANDS and the Vancouver Island Health Authority to continue to support the on reserve programs and services, delivered by the BCANDS, through a viable, collaborative and sustainable service delivery model.

**Point of Contact:**

To ensure the effectiveness of the Medical Health Officer services, close liaisons and cooperation will be maintained. The point of contact for the operational and policy matters will be:

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Medical Health Officer  
Vancouver Island Health Authority  
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Initials:

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*Responsibilities of the British Columbia Aboriginal Network on Disability Society:*

To provide health related information and support to assist the Medical Health Officer/ Public Health Unit in its delivery of services.

*Responsibilities of the Vancouver Island Health Authority - Medical Officer of Health:*

To provide Medical Health Officer consultant services to assist the Society in its delivery of disability and health programs.

*Accountability / Reporting Requirements:*

BCANDS:

- Ensure that information and support is provided to the Medical Health Officer / Public Health Unit as able.

*Vancouver Island Health Authority's Medical Health Officer:*

- Provide consultation (advice, support and information) to assist the BCANDS in its program delivery and services as able.

*Dispute and Resolutions:*

In the event of a dispute arising from the delivery of the services as defined within this MOU, both parties agree to jointly implement a constructive discussion process to resolve these issues in a timely matter while maintaining the quality of services provided. Importance is placed on developing and maintaining clear lines of communication and an effective reporting system. The desire of both parties in this MOU is to create an environment of respect and cooperation.

*Term of the Agreement and Review:*

The term of this MOU will commence upon signing of this document. The MOU will remain in effect until such time that either party has declared in writing their intent to terminate this agreement. The MOU may be reviewed by both parties and updated annually, as required, to reflect ongoing BCANDS program or VIHA service requirements.

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This Memorandum of Understanding is in effect as of:

May 2013

On behalf of the BCANDS:



Neil Belanger

Date: May 16 / 2013

On behalf of the Vancouver Island Health Authority – Medical Health Officers



Dr. Charmaine Enns

Medical Health Officer  
Vancouver Island Health Authority

Date: May 15, 2013