

## HARM REDUCTION SERIES



# THE BLOOD TRIBE ADDICTION FRAMEWORK BUILDING ON RICH STORIES AND DEEP WISDOM: THE ART OF LISTENING

We welcome you to join us for the next session in the First Nations Telehealth Network's Harm Reduction Series. The Blood Tribe Addiction Framework, Kattakinoona Awaahkapiiyaawa – Bringing the Spirits Home, was developed in collaboration between the Blood Tribe Department of Health, the Blood Tribe Chief & Council and Alberta Health Services in response to the on-going impacts and effects of the opioid crisis. The framework was developed using extensive feedback, rich stories, and deep wisdom from the community; and enhanced with information from relevant research, literature and evidence. The result is a community-wide, comprehensive, full-continuum of care addiction framework that is grounded in the Blackfoot culture and based on the Blood Tribe population, geography, needs and resources.

### Learning Outcomes:

1. Overview of approach taken to develop the framework
2. Description of the framework
3. Hearing the voice of the Blood Tribe community

### Presented By:

Kevin Cowan, Lene Jorgensen and Rebecca Many Grey Horses. Please see the next page for full-length speaker information.

**How to register:** Visit the First Nations Telehealth Portal to register ([www.fntn.ca](http://www.fntn.ca)). A friendly reminder to book your videoconference room at your location prior to registering on the FNTN website.

**Please note:** If you are attending from an Alberta Health Services site, please register directly on the Ischeduler website.

May 28, 2019

10:00 – Noon

Target Audience: Anyone working in and with Indigenous communities

Live stream and audio lines will be made available for those who cannot attend via videoconference

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Please see the next page for more information on the presenters

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# ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

**Kevin Cowan.** Kevin has been the CEO of the Blood Tribe Department of Health since October of 2017. He has served in a leadership capacity for many years and has worked in areas across the system including community health, acute care and continuing care. In the years prior to coming to the Blood Tribe, Kevin worked in a senior leadership role with Covenant Health. He has a Master in Health Administration degree from the University of Ottawa and a degree in Nursing from Queen's University, Kingston.

**Lene Jorgensen.** Lene is the director of system & service planning in Alberta Health Services, supporting the South Zone. Lene has a background in Athletic Therapy and Kinesiology, and worked for 15 years in community-based chronic disease prevention and management programs. Since 2009, Lene has worked with system and service planning in province- and zone-wide roles, and since 2014 many of her projects have been related to Indigenous health planning. Following the March 2018 opioid crisis on Blood Tribe, Lene was gifted temporarily to assist the Blood Tribe Department of Health to develop a plan to address the addiction and opioid challenges in the Blood Tribe community.

**Rebecca Many Grey Horses.** Rebecca is from the Blood Tribe, born and raised with the Blackfoot teachings, culture and language. Rebecca was hired by Chief and Council to develop the Blood Tribe Addictions Framework. Her background varies, working with many government departments and positions from program manager to Issue Strategist. Rebecca has worked with AHS as Aboriginal Health promotion specialist, Infant preschool educator, and team lead for First Steps, Family Health. She has a Masters in Jurisprudence in Indigenous Law and a BA in Sociology

