

Appendix D

Returning Safe Birth Closer to Communities: The policy journey over the past three years. Power point presentation by Dawn Walker, Health Canada, at the Aboriginal Women and Girls' Health Roundtable, Ottawa, April 27, 2005.

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Closer to Communities:
The policy journey over the
past three years**

**Presented by Dawn Walker
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Based on what?

- **Attachment research**
- **Various internal background papers:
Smith 2002-03 and Tedford 2004**
- **Health Human Resource projections**
- **Voices of women, caregivers and
midwives**

Based on what continued...

- **International work of Indigenous midwives:
New Zealand, Hawaii, and others**
- **Human Rights**
- **Costs**
- **Technology**

Initiatives in past two years

- **Gathering at Six Nations: determine if we have a common direction**
- **International position (UN) recognizing role of Indigenous midwives in Canada**

Past two years: continued...

- **Correspondence recognizing midwifery according to provincial policy**
- **Primary Health Care Transition Fund**
 - **Collaborative Care Project with SOGC**
 - **Aboriginal Midwifery Education Program**
- **Gathering voices of women: focus groups by NAHO**

Past two years: continued...

- **Collecting Inuit midwifery data with Pauktuutit**
- **Maternal child health clinician specialists in regions**
- **Health career bursaries to two midwifery students**

Past two years: continued...

- **FFM commitment to MCH: improve pre-natal care**
- **NAAF: Midwifery in high school health career program**
- **Aboriginal Health Human Resource Activities (contributing funds to these meetings)**

Opportunities

- **HHR: both Pan Canadian and Aboriginal**
- **Aboriginal Health Transition Fund**
- **Blueprint**
- **FMM: MCH**
- **AMEP**

Questions

- **Congruent directions with provinces?**
- **Collaborative care system: what needs to be in place?**
- **What are the linkages to technology?**
- **Is it a part of Blueprint discussions /roundtables?**

Questions continued...

- **Are some communities ready now?**
- **What are the roles of all the players ?**
- **Will communities be ready for AMEP Midwifery Graduates and other new midwives?**

Questions continued...

- **What should GoC be doing; FNIHB be doing?**
- **What are our collective practical next steps over the next 5 years?**