



Announcement of the New Chief Executive Officer for Indigenous Primary Health Care Council

The Indigenous Primary Health Care Council (IPHCC) Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Caroline Lidstone-Jones as the IPHCC's new Chief Executive Officer, effective September 1, 2020.

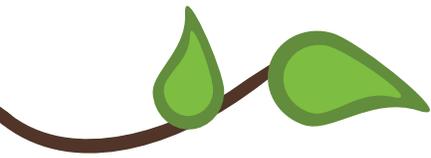


Caroline Lidstone-Jones is Ojibway and a member of Batchewana First Nation, and resides in Toronto with her son, Tristan, and her husband Peter. As the Chief Quality Officer at Weeneebayko Area Health Authority located in the James and Hudson Bay, and former Director of the Aboriginal Cancer Care Unit, Cancer Care Ontario, Caroline has years of executive experience. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experiences in Indigenous health

care, health system development, public health, primary and community care integration, and hospital administration at both the local and provincial level.

As the IPHCC embarks on an exciting new journey, Caroline will lead our teams through new opportunities that support our continuous growth toward reaching our vision of "Indigenous Health in Indigenous Hands." The IPHCC has ambitious goals and

Caroline is committed to taking us to the next level for our transformation efforts in anti-racism work, health promotion and advocacy to realize our dreams of healthier communities rooted in culture and cohesion. Caroline believes that to accomplish our mission in today's health care landscape, we must forge ahead and work collaboratively to develop reciprocal relationships, break down silos and systemic racism, lead change and be more inventive.



We have a responsibility to our people, our communities and next generations to foster a strengths-based approach in everything that we do. She is a fierce advocate for a health system that is genuinely patient-centered, equitable and meets the needs of Indigenous peoples.

Caroline is grateful for the opportunity to advocate for and contribute to growing and developing the IPHCC into a provincially recognized organization that is respected by peers and valued for their contributions.

"My roots are in Ontario and I have spent my whole career working with Indigenous people to promote equity and break down barriers of racism so that accessibility is improved and enriched. I have admired the work of the members of the IPHCC for many years and it is an honour to be selected to lead this newly incorporated organization."

– Caroline Lidstone-Jones

Angela Recollet, Chair of IPHCC says that the Board of Directors are thrilled to have Caroline join the Council, as its CEO. "Caroline's background in strategic management, administration and public health, coupled with her outstanding interpersonal and communications skills, will ensure that the IPHCC will reach its success in its role as ambassador for the Indigenous Primary Health Care Council members. Her Indigenous intelligence is the foundation that will honour and celebrate our current relationships while building new partnerships."

About the IPHCC

The IPHCC is a new Indigenous-governed culture-based and Indigenous-informed organization. The genesis of the IPHCC stems from the Aboriginal Healing and Wellness Strategy and the creation of the Aboriginal Community Health Centres and Aboriginal Health Access Centres. Its key mandate is to support the advancement and evolution of Indigenous primary health care services provision and planning throughout Ontario.

The Council works with 28 Indigenous community health care organizations, including Aboriginal Health Access Centres (AHACs), Indigenous

Interprofessional Primary Care Teams (IPCTs), Indigenous Community Health Centres and Indigenous Family Health Teams. AHACs and ACHCs are community-governed, primary health care organizations where clients can see a doctor, nurse or other health professionals, including traditional healers, medicine persons, Elders, knowledge keepers and counsellors. Our approach is to work together to address the physical, spiritual, emotional, and mental needs of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis (FNIM) people and communities we serve.

The Council promotes high quality care provision through the Model of

Wholistic Health and Wellbeing, the Indigenous Cultural Safety Program, population needs based approach to health care planning, Indigenous informed evaluation approaches and scaling leading practices for excellence in Indigenous health. We are status neutral, which means we support Indigenous organizations providing services to Indigenous people who live on and off reserve, status, non-status, Inuit and Métis within Ontario. The Council also provides capacity support to the ten new and developing Indigenous Interprofessional Care Teams.



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Caroline Lidstone-Jones, IPHCC Chief Executive Officer



Caroline Lidstone-Jones is originally from the Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario area and is a member of

Batchewana First Nation where her parents currently live and she still enjoys spending time. She holds a Master's of Industrial Relations from the University of Toronto and a Bachelor of Arts, Sociology from York University and recently completed a Fellowship in Health System Transformation at the University of Alberta in the School of Public Health. She is an accomplished executive with 15 plus years' experience in hospital management and administration, and has extensive knowledge in public health, working with First Nations and the northern health care delivery systems. Prior to her consulting work on developing Indigenous led Ontario Health Teams, she was the Chief Quality Officer and Chief Operating

Officer for the Weeneebayko Area Health Authority where she worked with the First Nations along the James and Hudson Bay. One of her key accomplishments was leading the co-design and development of a public health framework and strategy for the James and Hudson Bay region. The framework ensured service was more culturally responsive to the unique needs of the communities, and included community programming, regional public policy, health data and surveillance needs, and highlighting community infrastructure components for successful implementation.

Caroline also served as the Provincial lead and Director of the Aboriginal Cancer Care Unit at Cancer Care Ontario (CCO), where she oversaw the development and implementation of the Aboriginal Cancer Care Strategy. She worked collaboratively to advance Indigenous issues within

the cancer system across Ontario, with a focus on health promotion, disease prevention and early detection strategies. Caroline was also a founding member and co-chair of the "Mamow Ahyamowen" Northern Ontario Indigenous Health Information Partnership, a collaborative of 68 First Nations in North East, North Central and North Western Ontario working towards building local capacity to collect; analyze and utilize their data for effective health planning.

Most recently, she has been leading the COVID Response team on behalf of the Indigenous Primary Health Care Council where she has been instrumental in advocating for resources and supports for its members and Indigenous representation at the provincial tables.