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To: First Nations and Aboriginal communities and agencies supporting Aboriginal peoples:

Re: **Analysis of Aboriginal HIV and AIDS Services in British Columbia (BC)**

Please find attached the following *Analysis of Aboriginal HIV and AIDS Services in BC*. This paper is the result of discussions between the First Nations Health Council, the BC Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, First Nations and Inuit Health – BC Region, and Aboriginal AIDS service organizations to identify the strengths and gaps in the government-funded services available to Aboriginal people living with HIV and AIDS in BC.

This paper illustrates examples of collaboration and innovation from across the Province. It is hoped that this will help inform future First Nations and Aboriginal HIV/AIDS multi-agency and community-based collaborations and initiatives.

Thank you for taking the time to read this, for your ongoing commitment to preventing further transmission among Aboriginal peoples, and for supporting Aboriginal persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Yours sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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