Presidents Message: Native Addictions Council of Manitoba

Tansí – Greetings:

This year has been exciting as we work to improve our services and continue with the foundation of our ways and being true to our Traditional Teachings of our ancestors. I, along with the board members am honoured to a part of this organization that has been an integral part of the community for 44 years now. The seven sacred teachings are essentially the guide and tools by which the staff and management operate the centre and its programs based on. The centre offers a foundation of trust and security to the clients who enter and ensure they are treated with the best of care during their journey to healing. NACM will continue to be a part of the Aboriginal community and will ensure we remain committed to the healing ways of our ancestor’s teachings.

The overall operation of NACM should continue to be celebrated as being a successful centre for the people. NACM adheres to strict financial policies and operates to the highest of standards in financial management. NACM completed a review in which we were acknowledged for doing such a great job. We also took this opportunity to improve ourselves in certain areas. We continue to have an unqualified audit each year; which is the best type of acknowledgement that can be given by in an accounting perspective. The staff will continue to operate to the standards of Accreditation Canada and will also continue to improve and build upon our staff and management’s strengths. The dedication and commitment to continued learning is passed on in the care and treatment of our clients. We as a board are very proud of our staff and management and the level of care they offer and the pride they take in the centre.

February 2016 is our 44th year of operation for NACM. The centre has had much help from many individuals along the way who made the centre as successful as it is today. NACM will remain here for many years to come being a venue for people in search of changing their lives and beginning their healing journey and in some cases continue the healing journey. The board and senior management continue to seek means of acquiring a new centre as we know our current facility is starting to age with natural wear and tear. We will continue to lobby for additional funding and bringing awareness to our plight with NACM. We will continue to bring attention to the governments about the important services NACM offers to the Aboriginal Community.

We look forward to the next year as we continue to work for the people and the community. Together, we will bring about the change we wish to see in ourselves and our communities. It is a pleasure to continue to work with the wonderful staff and Executive Director of NACM

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Chief Cathy Merrick
Chairperson NACM