

Métis Health & Wellness Event

May 25 | 10am-3pm

Four Points by Sheraton
Victoria Gateway

829 McCallum Rd,
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Please join us and the Métis Nation Greater Victoria for a culturally immersive day celebrating the Métis peoples perspectives on health & wellness through culture.

Tanya Davoren is the Executive Director of Health and Mental Health & Harm Reduction for Métis Nation British Columbia (MNBC) and a proud citizen who has worked for the Nation for over 16 years. She is passionate and committed to her work and the relationships she has built across numerous sectors. Tanya's career started as a Registered Nurse in hospital and then later as a Patient Care Coordinator/Nursing Care Clinician before "taking a leap of faith" and going to work for her Métis community at Métis Nation British Columbia in the summer of 2008. She has been able to utilize her health knowledge, advocacy skills, and unique leadership style to work to build from one sole staff member to a growing team of forty-eight staff.

Tanya Davoren, as Executive Director has negotiated over one hundred contribution agreements at the federal, provincial, and regional levels. Tanya is the lead on an information sharing agreement between the BC Ministry of Health and Métis Nation British Columbia's citizenship registry. An informed consent process for Métis Citizens has led to citizen specific data being available in British Columbia for the very first time. Tanya is well known for her work in program development and Community outreach at MNBC.

Combining the celebration of her Métis heritage and her passion for health has created an extremely satisfying career where she has been given the opportunity to actively work towards better health and wellness for her fellow Métis Citizens as MNBC's Executive Director. She currently works from her home office in Vernon with her husband Rob, and their three adult children.

Dr. Danièle Behn Smith is Eh Cho Dene of Fort Nelson First Nation and French-Canadian Métis with roots in the Red River Valley. She currently serves as Deputy Provincial Health Officer – Indigenous Health in the British Columbia (BC) Office of the Provincial Health Officer. In this capacity, she is a senior health leader actively involved in BC's COVID-19 response, including through engagement with the First Nations Health Authority, Métis Nation BC, and other Indigenous collectives across the province. Behn Smith brings expertise as a family physician with training in emergency medicine (MD, CCFP-EM); functional medicine (Certified Functional Medicine Practitioner); and population and public health (MPH). She has practiced medicine in rural and remote Indigenous communities across Canada. As both a physician and health leader, her work recognizes self-determination as the foundation of health and wellness among First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples, and the importance of Indigenous approaches and healing systems.

If you are in the patient circle of care as a provider, allied health professional, clinician, MOA, VDFP operations or support staff, this event is for you!

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