MEMORANDUM

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TO: NAN Chiefs & Tribal Councils

FROM: Deputy Grand Chief Victor H. Linklater

RE: **New Roles in NAN Health Transformation**

DATE: September 15, 2021

CC: NAN Executive Council, Executive Staff, Health Authorities, Ovide Mercredi Alvin Fiddler, Georgina Lentz

NAN is pleased to welcome Alvin Fiddler and Ovide Mercredi to their new roles in NAN Health Transformation. Effective September 13, 2021, Alvin Fiddler began his new role as Health Transformation's Lead Negotiator, and Ovide Mercredi transitioned to a new role as Special Advisor.

Alvin Fiddler will provide strategic advice to support the successful implementation of objectives within the five Health Transformation Pillars, including:

1. Community Participation
2. Immediate Needs
3. Policy & Legislative Review
4. Fiscal Review & Funding Models
5. Reclamation of Indigenous Laws

Ovide Mercredi will provide strategic guidance to support the implementation of objectives within the following areas:

1. The Fiscal Review and Funding Model(s) Pillar; and
2. The Federal Distinctions-Based Indigenous Health Legislation (FDBIHL) process.

Strategic planning meetings are scheduled to take place in the upcoming weeks, following which an update will be provided to the Chiefs as soon as possible.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

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