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Health Canada  
Addressing Racism and Discrimination in Canada's Health Systems Program  
Ottawa, ON

Dear Health Canada Representative,

I write on behalf of the Canadian Association for Midwifery Education (CAMEd/ ACFSF) to confirm our support and intention to collaborate with the National Aboriginal Council of Midwives (NACM) & the Canadian Association of Midwives (CAM) *Midwives' Addressing Anti-Indigenous Racism and Discrimination in Canada's Health System* project.

**CAMEd / ACFSF promotes and increases the capacity for excellence in Canadian midwifery education through setting and maintaining standards for curricula and scholarship within midwifery educational programs, and by supporting continued development of midwifery faculty and programs.**

Midwifery educators in Canada are committed to truth and reconciliation. We endorse the application of NACM and CAM for federal funding in support of Anti-Indigenous Racism, cultural safety, and sensitivity training for midwives. We recognize the need to incorporate specific content on anti-racism and anti-indigenous racism into the Canadian midwifery undergraduate curricula as a vital component of a larger effort to decolonize education and health service delivery.

NACM and CAM intend to work directly with one or more Canadian midwifery undergraduate program to pilot cultural safety and sensitivity education within core curriculum. The intention will be to combat anti-Indigenous racism experienced within the midwifery sector by students, educators, midwives, and service users. This content will also be adapted and delivered as a continuing professional development course for practicing midwives.

This project will coincide with CAMEd's review of Canadian Midwifery Education Standards to ensure cultural safety and humility education. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate on this project to ensure appropriate commitment to anti-racism within our standards.

CAMEd / ACFSF will support the project by assisting in identifying one or more of our members to collaborate on the development and delivery of the professional education course and through sharing and collecting information with midwifery educators and faculty as required.

Sincerely,



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