

Report of the Nominating Committee

Submitted by Ken Friesen, Board Chair

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On behalf of the Nominating Committee I would like to propose the names of three individuals interested in serving on our Board of Directors for a two-year term.

KOBRA RAHIMI

Kobra is a graduate of Robson Hall Faculty of Law at the University of Manitoba. Kobra completed her articles at Legal Aid Manitoba in 2018 in the area of criminal defence. Kobra also holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Winnipeg majoring in criminal law. Currently, Kobra practices in the areas of criminal defence and refugee law.

Kobra was born and raised in a refugee camp in Iraq and arrived in Canada in 2001 as a government-sponsored refugee. Winnipeg has been her home since then and she has a passion to work with communities to build a more just and inclusive society.

ROBBYN REMPEL

Robbyn has been working in Manitoba's social services sector for more than 15 years, primarily working with child serving organizations. She is a Chartered Professional in Human Resources as well as an Associate Business Continuity Planner. During her career, she has worked with the Manitoba Métis Federation, Métis Child and Family Services Authority, Family Dynamics and, most recently, The Link: Youth and Family Supports.

She has also managed social services programs, namely, the Family Resource Centre network at Family Dynamics. That program served members of seven Manitoba Housing communities throughout Winnipeg.

Robbyn says, "Through my work I have

seen the residual effects as well as the direct and in-direct impact of the corrections system - its impact to individuals, to families and to communities. The system needs to undergo significant change and I would like to be an active participant in the movement to bring these changes to the system."

ALLEN CONTOIS

Allen is a member of Brokenhead Ojibway Nation. As a young boy, his maternal grandmother encouraged him to pursue opportunities related to his spiritual and cultural identity. These words have not been lost upon Allen as he has developed personally and professionally. He believes in personal healing and the power that comes from reconnecting to Indigenous culture, which he has promoted in his work career.

Allen began his work career in Vancouver's Downtown East Side as a harm-reduction worker with vulnerable persons. Since then, he has worked in Indigenous health in British Columbia, in federal corrections in various capacities, and as a child and family service worker. He is currently a project coordinator in the area of health with his own tribal council.

Allen is a Bachelor of Social Work candidate in October 2022.

He is the proud father of two children, now 11 and 12. He and the children love to travel the world and experience new things together while also sitting in ceremonies as a form of family and individual self-care.

