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Next phase of University of Lethbridge, Blood Tribe Department of Health collaboration to be celebrated

The first stage of a collaborative multi-phased approach to enhance health and well-being on the Kainai Nation is underway in a good way, and on Tuesday, the project between the Blood Tribe Department of Health Inc. (BTDH) and University of Lethbridge will be celebrated with a naming ceremony and discussion of next steps.

WHAT: Naming ceremony for collaborative multi-phase, multi-year project

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m.

WHERE: Kainai Continuing Care Centre Great Hall, 1 Main St., Standoff, AB

WHO: Members of the Blood Tribe Department of Health, Elders, ULethbridge representatives

In September 2022, BTDH and ULethbridge signed a [memorandum of understanding](#) to honour the health-related Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, partnering to expand health services capacity and delivery on the Blood Reserve. That work has now begun, with the first phase of the plan kicking into gear — a community needs assessment.

Join representatives from this collaborative partnership to celebrate the continued development of this important project that seeks to expand capacity on the Blood Reserve to support access to high quality health care and health services.

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