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[1] Merged with Research & Evaluation Working Group in March 2026.

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EXTRA Team – Indigenous Health Leadership (August 2024 – April 2026)
Dawn Thomas, Island Health
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Kelly Grimes, CHLNet
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Benchmarking 2025 Steering Group (May 2025 – May 2026)
Stephanie Choquette, Canadian Medical Association (CMA) and Chair
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Ivy Bourgeault, University of Ottawa
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Note: CHLNet Steering Groups gather for a specific time and project. Recent groups with completed mandates are Wise Practices of Leadership Development, Leadership Development Impact Assessment Toolkit, Wellness of the Health Workforce, Leading Through COVID, National Health Leadership Huddles, and MITACS Health Leadership Career Pathways.