**Program Coordinator’s Report**

Boozhoo/Aaniin/Tansi/Greetings!

It has been a true honour to serve as Program Coordinator for Manitoba Moon Voices Inc., and to provide this brief synopsis of the work our staff has under taken since October 2014. The Interim Board and Grandmothers Advisory Council did an incredible amount of work to first establish MMVI and then to secure the title of Provincial Territorial Member Associate of the Native Women’s Association of Canada. Those initial steps leading to establishing a physical office space and secure funding for the advocacy work ahead has been the beginning of a journey that will lead indigenous Women of Manitoba to secure stronger places of leadership.

Over the past several months our office has:

* Implemented successfully a Strategic Plan developed by community in 2013
* Participated in over 22 events profiling MMVI, creating networks and initiating relationships for our growing organization
* Increased MMVI membership by 78% with 168 registered members
* Connected with 14 First Nations in Manitoba and 54 organizations
* Mentored a practicum student for 22 weeks in her first Office working environment
* Completed drafting a Leadership Guidebook to share with interested members in a workshop train the trainer format
* Received and acted upon over 95 requests for information and advocacy affecting Indigenous women in Manitoba (details listed on table below)

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| **Information/Advocacy Requests** | **Details** | **Totals** |
| **Child Welfare information/supports** | * + - How to get legal help     - Parental Rights/access     - Where to appeal decisions | **21** |
| **Training and employment related services** | * + - Winnipeg/urban locations     - Northern communities     - Reservations | **7** |
| **Volunteer opportunities** |  | **27** |
| **Support services for Health related services** | * + - Dealing with trauma/IRS     - Addictions     - Depression/suicide     - Sexual exploitation     - Homelessness | **21** |
| **Political Advocacy** | * + - Indian Status/Band Membership     - Support Letters to agencies | **8** |
| **Issues affecting murdered and missing indigenous women and girls** | * + - Family participation in political meetings       * Supports for memorial recognition ie. Family feasts       * Spiritual supports ie headstone, counselling, Elder/Traditional | **21** |

The newly elected board will determine the direction of this organization; it is with a great sense of pride to stand alongside supporting the growth of Indigenous Women’s Leadership in Manitoba. I trust the future will bring positive change as we continue to advocate and advance issues affecting Indigenous Women.

In the Spirit of Our Ancestors,

Ko’ona Cochrane