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## (W)HOLISTIC HEALTH: HOW COMMUNITY-BASED, INDIGENOUS POLICYMAKING APPROACHES EFFECTIVELY MEET PUBLIC HEALTH NEEDS

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**S**ummary  
The purpose of this paper is to explore the role of community-based, indigenous policymaking approaches in meeting public health needs. The paper discusses the importance of community-based, indigenous policymaking approaches in addressing the health needs of Indigenous populations. It also discusses the challenges of implementing these approaches and the need for further research and evaluation. The paper concludes that community-based, indigenous policymaking approaches are essential for meeting the health needs of Indigenous populations and for achieving the goal of health equity.

### Biography

Cassandra is currently a Ph.D. candidate studying Indigenous health and public policy at the Johnson-Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy in Regina, SK Canada. She is the recipient of a national Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Doctoral Research Award worth \$108,000 over three years for KHU GLVVHUWDWLRQ HQWLWOHG 37KH ,QGLDQ 6ROXWLRQ WR WKH 3ROLF\ 3UREOHP 'HYHORSLOJ DQ ,C. Cassandra is working with Indigenous health organizations in Saskatchewan and Hawaii to examine how self-determined Indigenous health policymaking models are more effective at improving the health of Indigenous people than Western colonial models.

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