



Sioux Lookout  
First Nations  
Health Authority

**SIoux LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY**

Resolution #16-20

**COMPREHENSIVE DIABETES STRATEGY**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution #13-07 Community Based Diabetes Strategy and Programming, directed the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) to conduct a comprehensive review of current research and knowledge of diabetes and its relevance to First Nation communities, as well as existing programs and resources, which provide diabetes education, treatment support and preventive health services; and

**WHEREAS**, results from a comprehensive environmental scan recently completed demonstrate a region-wide desire for improved community-based diabetes care, and that community health workers could fill current gaps in care; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution #13-07 also directed SLFNHA to develop a Regional Diabetes Strategy, that would fall under First Nation governance and management, to address the priorities and needs related to diabetes prevention and control; and

**WHEREAS**, results from a 3-year Community Health Worker Diabetes pilot project have demonstrated a clear need for a well-developed community-level health care infrastructure that would improve care and management of diabetes that could fill these gaps and resolve some of the fragmentation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care has announced new funding to support Diabetes prevention and control in First Nations in Ontario;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Chiefs in Assembly reaffirm their direction for SLFNHA to work in partnership with Dignitas International to develop an integrated Community Health Worker community-based case management model of care to improve care and management of Type 2 diabetes, incorporating global best practices, land-based teachings, and integrated with the public health and primary care models already in development.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT**, the Chiefs in Assembly reaffirm their direction for SLFNHA to develop a Regional Diabetes Strategy that would include the integration of current programs and services, and would explore and plan for the transition of programs and services under First Nation governance and management, to address the priorities and needs related to diabetes prevention and control.

Dated this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September in Lac Seul First Nation, Ontario

Moved by:

  
Chief Chris Kakegamic, First Nation


Seconded by:

  
Gary Owen, proxy, Poplar Hill First Nation

Decision:

**CARRIED**

Signature of Meeting Chair:

  
Wally McKay, Meeting Chair