



Sioux Lookout  
First Nations  
Health Authority

## **SIOUX LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY**

Resolution #15-25

### **HEALTH DATA MANAGEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, currently community health information is collected and stored by different service providers, but the health information is not readily available and shared with communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) programs and services are unable to work as effectively as possible, without knowing the health status of the communities they are serving; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs in Assembly passed Resolution #12-07 “Health Monitoring Surveillance”, which directed SLFNHA to look into the development of a health surveillance system with community-level health information; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution #12-07 also gave permission for their statistical health information pertaining to public health (not linked to specific patient information) be released to SLFNHA for the purposes of monitoring, analyzing, and sharing, as appropriate, in order to proactively address regional public health issues; and that this information be shared with Shibogama Health Authority as it applies to their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution #12-07 directed SLFNHA to observe protocols related to patient privacy and confidentiality and not to share the information without the consent of the communities who have provided it; and

**WHEREAS**, SLFNHA began a review of possible data sources for establishing this health surveillance system; and

**WHEREAS**, the consent of the Chiefs in Assembly is needed before SLFNHA can proceed and enter into data sharing agreements;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Chiefs in Assembly give permission for SLFNHA to enter into data sharing agreements with Health Canada, Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre, Thunder Bay District Health Unit, Northwestern Health Unit, Chiefs of Ontario, Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada, Cancer Care Ontario, Better Outcomes Registry & Network (BORN) Ontario, Nishnawbe Aski Nation, and other data bases as required.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the data gathered through these data sharing agreements is used to develop health status reports for the community, which will be used by SLFNHA and the communities for planning purposes and to advocate for funding.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,** the Chief in Assembly direct SLFNHA to work on the option of establishing a health surveillance system that will be specific to the Sioux Lookout area First Nations communities, and may work closely with the Electronic Medical Records system that was established by the Sioux Lookout Regional Physicians Services Inc.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT,** the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLNFHA to ensure that data sharing, use, and disclosure is done appropriately, confidentially, and that First Nations maintain ownership, control, copyright, and governance of the data.

Dated this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015 in Lac Seul First Nation, Ontario.

Moved by:

  
Claude McKay, proxy, Sachigo Lake First Nation

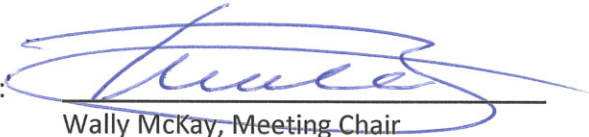
Seconded by:

  
Chief Connie Gray McKay, Mishkeegogamang First Nation

Decision:

**CARRIED**

Signature of Meeting Chair:

  
Wally McKay, Meeting Chair