



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

SIOUX LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #16-27

GUIDELINES FOR CLIENT AND ESCORT INTERACTION WITH CHILDWELFARE MATTERS

WHEREAS, the Chiefs are concerned about the safety of children and other vulnerable people during travel and stay outside of the community for medical purposes; and

WHEREAS, there are situations where child protection matters arise involving clients and escorts, where one is a child or is traveling with a child; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs in Assembly have directed SLFNHA and partners to develop escort guidelines for their community members under Resolution #16-8, but would need to consider the specific policies that are in place or should developed regarding these incidents; and

WHEREAS, guidelines for client and escort services should coordinate with child welfare agencies, medical facilities, and policing services to ensure that they are consistent with their interactions in cases that involve children as patients and have an escort that has not carried out their expected duties; and

WHEREAS, this collaborative process would be beneficial for the Chiefs in Assembly and their communities, because they would be able to express the expectations of their escorts and have their customary care practices recognized in these specific cases; and

WHEREAS, the coordination in the development of these specific guidelines would ensure that best practices are in place to deal with these incidents; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs in Assembly would like to inform their community members on a more complete set of guidelines when it comes to escort duties and expectations, and what to do in cases where child welfare safety and issues have arisen;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly support the development of specific escort policy guidelines and protocols with regards to children requiring escorts.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to work with child welfare agencies, medical facilities, and policing services to develop these guidelines in a more comprehensive and informed manner.

Dated this 15th day of September 2016 in Lac Seul First Nation, Ontario.

Moved by: 
Chief Lorraine Crane, Slate Falls First Nation

Seconded by: 
Chief Bart Meekis, Sandy Lake First Nation

Decision: **CARRIED**

Signature of Meeting Chair: 
Wally McKay, Meeting Chair