



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

SIoux LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #17-13

SUPPORT FOR YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH HEALING CENTRE

WHEREAS, youth in First Nations communities in northwestern Ontario are experiencing an alarming mental health and addiction crisis, resulting in communities losing youth to suicide; and

WHEREAS, there is a lack of residential treatment and/or land-based healing options available for youth from the Sioux Lookout region; and

WHEREAS, the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA), in partnership with Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre (SLMHC) and Lac Seul First Nations, submitted an application to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to provide an outpatient and land-based healing centre for youth in the region, which will go beyond daily counselling sessions to include an intensive day program involving group therapy, trauma counselling, and traditional healing.


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly support SLFNHA's proposal for an outpatient and land-based healing centre for youth in the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly urge the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to accept and fund SLFNHA's proposal to begin to improve the service options for First Nations youth in the Sioux Lookout region and prevent unnecessary deaths due to suicide.

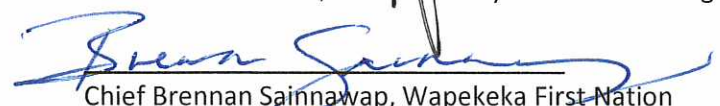
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, this initiative should not detract from existing treatment or healing centres and programs, or other current or future applications.

Dated this 14th day of September 2017 in Lac Seul First Nation, Ontario.

Moved by:


Chief James Cutfeet, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug First Nation

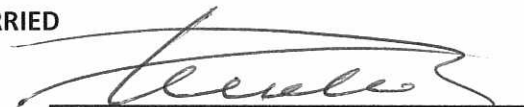
Seconded by:


Chief Brennan Sainnawap, Wapekeka First Nation

Decision:

CARRIED

Signature of Meeting Chair:


Wally McKay, Meeting Chair