



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

SIoux LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #16-08

GUIDELINES FOR ESCORT SELECTION

WHEREAS, incidents at the Jeremiah McKay Kabayshewekamik Hostel occur which must be managed by staff and, at times, police services; and

WHEREAS, in 2015-2016 approximately 32% of incidents involved escorts that had been selected to accompany patients to Sioux Lookout for medical services; and

WHEREAS, Health Canada's Medical Transportation Policy Framework outlines criteria that should be considered when selecting an escort; and

WHEREAS, community members may not be fully aware of these criteria and they may not meet the needs of communities, or address concerns that occur at the Jeremiah McKay Kabayshewekamik Hostel; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #15-27 Enhancement of Medical Escort Services directed Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) to establish a working group to explore options and solutions for improving the availability and quality of escort services, but it did not clearly identify the need for regionally established escort guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Health Canada is currently working on improving escort criteria, but the Chiefs in Assembly recognize the importance of selection guidelines that are specific to our region and developed in a collaborative way;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to develop and conduct a community engagement process involving communities, Tribal Councils and other partners to develop regional guidelines for escort selection for wherever patients are travelling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to report these draft guidelines for ratification, and the process for implementation, back to the Chiefs Committee on Health and at the next SLFNHA Chiefs meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, once the criteria have been established and ratified by the Chiefs, that the political leadership will engage with Health Canada to respect the establishment of these criteria.

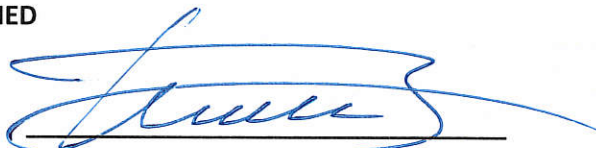
BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to, once established, promote these Escort Guidelines within communities to help ensure a safe environment at the Jeremiah McKay Kabayshewekamik Hostel.

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

Moved by: 
Chief Cornelius Wabasse, Webequie First Nation

Seconded by: 
Chief Bart Meekis, Sandy Lake First Nation

Decision: **CARRIED**

Signature of Meeting Chair: 
Wally McKay, Meeting Chair