



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

SIOUX LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #16-16

PROTECTION OF PERSONAL HEALTH INFORMATION

WHEREAS, Approaches to Community Wellbeing is ready to transition the management of reportable and vaccine preventable diseases from the First Nations Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) to the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA), which requires the collection, use, and disclosure of personal health information; and

WHEREAS, other programs at SLFNHA, including Nodin Client and Family Intervention Services and the Northern Appointment Clinic, currently collect, use, and disclose personal health information and other programs and services in the future may also require this to support the health and wellbeing of individuals; and

WHEREAS, the provincial *Personal Health Information and Protection Act* (PHIPA) legislates the requirements and safeguards for the collection, use, disclosure, and destruction of personal health information; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to PHIPA, only organizations or people designated as Health Information Custodians are able to collect, use, and disclose personal health information;

WHEREAS, the Chiefs in Assembly demand equitable health services and treatment as elsewhere in Ontario and in Canada;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Chiefs in Assembly consider SLFNHA as equivalent to a Health Information Custodian as defined under PHIPA, and would support SLFNHA being declared a Health Information Custodian under provincial legislation.

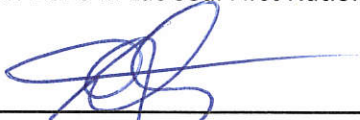
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to comply with the provisions of the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* and shall maintain the privacy of any personal health information provided to SLFNHA by any health unit or other Health Information Custodian.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly approve SLFNHA entering into data sharing agreements and service delivery agreements with health units, and, where necessary, the Ontario and Canadian governments, to provide public health and health care services to our communities.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, if necessary, SLFNHA may enter into agreements or seek legislative change in order to be provincially recognized as a Health Information Custodian under PHIPA.


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

Moved by:



Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

Seconded by:

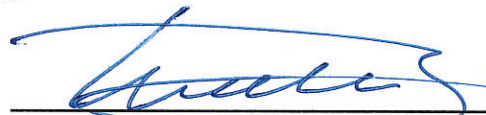


Chief Bart Meekis, Sandy Lake First Nation

Decision:

CARRIED

Signature of Meeting Chair:



Wally McKay, Meeting Chair