



Sioux Lookout  
First Nations  
Health Authority

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

Resolution #16-17

### **COMPREHENSIVE NURSING STRATEGY**

**WHEREAS**, under Resolution #14-10, Review of Nursing Services in the Sioux Lookout Area, the Chiefs in Assembly directed Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) to work with First Nations Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB) and Shibogama Health Authority to review nursing services; and

**WHEREAS**, SLFNHA's Approaches to Community Wellbeing has identified the need for public health nursing and begun planning for public health nursing services in communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) has announced funding for nurses as part of public health as well as part of a Family Health Team; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a range of nursing services including public health, home and community care, primary care, and emergency care, that must be considered in First Nations communities; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a range of nursing specialities that could provide services within communities including nurse practitioners, registered nurses, registered practical nurses, public health nurses, etc. and it is important that the appropriate training and skill set is matched for the appropriate role and that working relationships between nurses and specialities are clear; and

**WHEREAS**, in any plan involving nursing services, it is important to include a supportive system for administration, work space and accommodation requirements, recruitment and retention, and a training program that will prepare nurses for the north; and

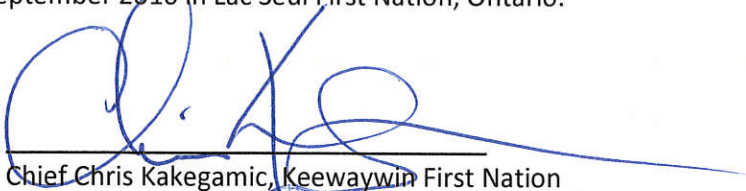
**WHEREAS**, the FNIHB, Shibogama Health Authority, Keewaytinook Okimakanak Council, Windigo First Nations Council, and SLFNHA all provide various types of nursing services to communities; and

**WHEREAS**, a comprehensive and strategic approach, including recruitment and retention, is needed to ensure nursing services meet the needs of First Nations communities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to work with FNIHB, Tribal Councils, Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre, and the MOHLTC to develop a comprehensive nursing strategy for First Nations communities in the Sioux Lookout area.

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

Moved by:



Chief Chris Kakegamic, Keewaywin First Nation

Seconded by:



Chief Wayne Moonias, Neskantaga First Nation

Decision:

**CARRIED**

Signature of Meeting Chair:



Wally McKay, Meeting Chair