



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

SHIUX LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #15-20

SUPPORTING LONG-TERM CORE FUNDING TO COMBAT ADDICTIONS

WHEREAS, the Chiefs in Assembly approved Resolution #13-06 "Aftercare Models and Core Funding for Community-Based Opiate Drug Abuse Strategies" which directed Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) to assist communities to secure core funding to implement their drug abuse strategies; and

WHEREAS, the Chiefs in Assembly approved Resolution #14-07 "Supporting Long-term Funding for Regional and Community-based Opioid Drug Abuse Strategies" which directed SLFNHA to advocate for long-term funding for community-based strategies to combat opiate drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, many communities in the Sioux Lookout area have successfully developed opioid addictions programs and strategies, such as Suboxone clinics and treatment centres, to curb addiction rates; and

WHEREAS, many communities received multi-year funding from Health Canada in 2015 to continue and start these community-based programs and strategies; and

WHEREAS, there are still some communities relying on short-term funding, did not receive multi-year funding or found the multi-year funding did not meet their needs for community-based programs and strategies; and

WHEREAS, all communities ultimately require continuous, long-term core funding to support the priorities established by First Nations to address addiction issues through initiatives such as Suboxone clinics, after care programs, and land-based treatment programs;


THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) and Meno Ya Win Health Centre to establish a working group to work with Health Canada and other funding partners to explore options for continuous, long-term core addictions funding that is based on priorities set by each community.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the working group shall report back to the Chiefs in Assembly on progress made on funding solutions.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly recognize all previous resolutions passed and referenced (13-06 and 14-07) on this topic are still relevant and direct SLFNHA to ensure these resolutions are referred to while moving forward with funding and development of addictions treatment programs and strategies.

Dated this 17th day of September 2015 in Lac Seul First Nation, Ontario.

Moved by:


Chief Clifford Bull, Lac Seul First Nation

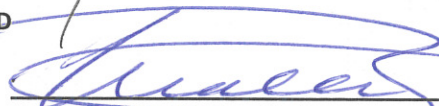
Seconded by:


Chief James Cutfeet, Kitchenuhmaykoosib Inninuwug

Decision:

CARRIED

Signature of Meeting Chair:


Wally McKay, Meeting Chair