



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

SIoux LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #16-21

LONG TERM CARE, HOME AND COMMUNITY CARE AND ELDER CARE

WHEREAS, our Elders are a valued component of every First Nation and priority is placed on caring for our elders at home where possible; and

WHEREAS, elder care, home and community care, and long term care services need to be culturally sensitive to the language, diet, and emotional needs of our Elders; and

WHEREAS, Health Canada's Home and Community Care program is based on an out of date funding formula that leads to chronic underfunding and undue stress on community budgets, especially given the growing First Nations senior population and the increased demand for palliative care, respite care, and chronic disease services; and

WHEREAS, chronic disease remains a serious concern amongst First Nations and there is a high need and high priority for improving home and community care and long term care services.

WHEREAS, an outstanding issue in the Four Party Agreement is the lack of long term care plans for the residents in Sioux Lookout and in Sioux Lookout area First Nations.

WHEREAS, jurisdictional ambiguity and geographical challenges result in unacceptable gaps in home care services in our communities. For example, Community Care Access Centres have a mandate to service First Nations on Reserve, but do not have the travel dollars to provide the services.

WHEREAS, Resolution #13-09 directed SLFNHA to explore and develop options to build long term care and extended care facilities to accommodate different levels of care for residents in First Nations in Sioux Lookout area and support exiting facilities related to long term care; and

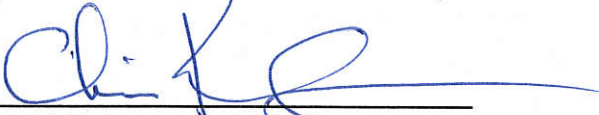
WHEREAS, the Ontario First Nations Health Action Plan (OFNHAP) includes immediate funding to Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre (SLMHC) to develop community-based and regional elder care capital plans. The OFNHAP also includes an engagement process for expanded home and community care services to commence in the 2016/17 fiscal year and implementation funding to begin in 2017/18.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to work with SLMHC to develop capital plans for facilities to house different levels of care, including long term care, in First Nations and in Sioux Lookout.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to take a lead role on the development of elder care planning in the Sioux Lookout Region and develop an integrated regional strategy that includes all services along the elder care continuum.


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

Moved by:



Chief Chris Kakegamic, Keewaywin First Nation

Seconded by:



Chief Lorraine Crane, Slate Falls First Nation

Decision:

CARRIED

Signature of Meeting Chair:



Wally McKay, Meeting Chair