



Sioux Lookout  
First Nations  
Health Authority

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

Resolution #15-15

### **JOINT COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY-BASED EMERGENCY CARE (CBEC)**

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs in Assembly recognize that First Nation communities in the Sioux Lookout area face elevated rates of emergency health problems, including trauma, mental health emergencies, and complications of chronic and communicable diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chiefs in Assembly are concerned that first response emergency services are not adequate or non-existent; and

**WHEREAS**, in the absence of local paramedic services, the immediate management of health emergencies depends on the capacity of local health providers and laypeople; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for a process to be established which provides the necessary geographically and culturally appropriate first response protocols; and

**WHEREAS**, the first response process needs to be supported through training and on-going support for community-based first response personnel to ensure patients receive a high quality of safe care; and

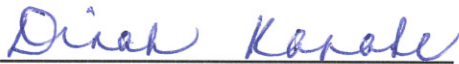
**WHEREAS**, Community Based Emergency Care (CBEC) is a community-driven approach to delivering essential emergency first response medical services in remote First Nations communities and is a partnership between health care providers, health researchers, governance and policy-making organizations, and local community members;

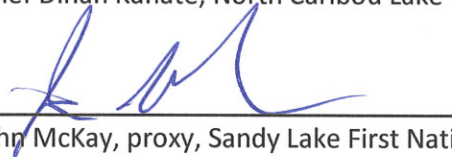
**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Chiefs in Assembly and the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) will advocate for the development of CBEC programs with Provincial and Federal government partners, and other relevant organizations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to collaborate and work with CBEC leaders to plan, build, deliver and evaluate effective, sustainable and culturally-appropriate pre-emergency care in remote First Nations communities.

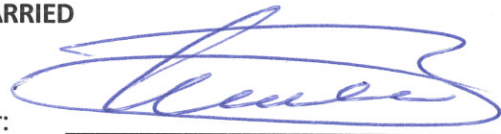
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT**, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA to work with CBEC leaders to train local health workers and lay providers to provide pre-emergency care in remote First Nations communities.

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

Moved by:   
Chief Dinah Kanate, North Caribou Lake First Nation

Seconded by:   
John McKay, proxy, Sandy Lake First Nation

Decision: **CARRIED**

Signature of Meeting Chair:   
Wally McKay, Meeting Chair