



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

SIOUX LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #16-11

AFTERCARE POLICY

WHEREAS, Resolution 13-06 Aftercare Models and Core Funding for Community Based Opiate Drug Abuse Strategies directs the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) to take a lead on developing aftercare program model and explore best practices, and to assist communities in securing core funding for their Suboxone and aftercare programs; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 14-07 Supporting Long-term funding for Regional and Community-Based Opioid Drug Abuse Strategies directed SLFNHA to advocate for long-term funding for community-based strategies to combat opiate drug abuse; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 15-20 directed SLFNHA and Sioux Lookout 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; and

WHEREAS, the Assembly of First Nations (AFN) and Health Canada developed the First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum Framework to identify the mental health needs across the continuum of mental health and addictions. This includes long term support and aftercare; and

WHEREAS, Health Canada has announced three year block funding for opiate addiction response programs; however, not all communities were able to secure funding, and the funding is insufficient to support all communities in the region, and is insufficient to support the level of programming and land based initiatives needed within communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA, Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN), Chiefs of Ontario (COO) and AFN to advocate for national and provincial policy and corresponding needs based funding to ensure every community receives the after care and land-based services that they require. This policy shall include standards, guidelines and funding requirements.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA, NAN, COO, and AFN to advocate for adequate funding to fully implement the First Nations Mental Wellness Continuum Framework at the community level, including adequate resources for long term aftercare and land-based programming.

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

Moved by: 
Chief Stan Beardy, Muskrat Dam First Nation

Seconded by: 
Chief Paul Burke, Fort Severn First Nation

Decision: **CARRIED**

Signature of Meeting Chair: 
Wally McKay, Meeting Chair