



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

SIoux LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #16-09

SLFNHA AND CCOH PARTICIPATION IN NAN HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROCESS

WHEREAS, Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority (SLFNHA) Chiefs in Assembly passed resolution #15-23 Call for the Declaration of a Public Health Emergency directing SLFNHA to advocate for Declaration to be called and for a process to address the health issues listed in Resolution #15-23; and

WHEREAS, SLFNHA and the Sioux Lookout Area Chiefs Committee on Health (CCOH), organized a Collaborative Health Planning Session with CCOH Chiefs, SLFNHA Board and Senior Management, and SLFNHA partners. At that session, a model for Health System Transformation was developed and was presented at a high level summit, organized by SLFNHA, involving senior officials from various government departments; and

WHEREAS, SLFNHA launched a comprehensive advocacy and media strategy to raise awareness of health issues and in February 2016, CCOH Chiefs in partnership with NAN issued the Declaration for Health and Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in response to the Declaration, the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) announced the Ontario First Nations Health Action Plan in the amount of \$222 million. In addition, other funding announcements have been made (Truth and Reconciliation Funding, Jordan's Principle Funding, and Federal Mental Wellness Funding); and

WHEREAS, in response to the Declaration, a political process involving First Nations leadership and the Provincial and Federal Health Ministers was developed. To support this political process a trilateral steering committee entitled the Joint Action Table was developed and is implementing many of the new funding initiatives; and

WHEREAS, NAN is proposing a NAN-wide Health System Transformation Process in partnership with Manitoba Keewatinowi Okimakanak Inc. (MKO) and Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) involving a defined 9-step process in order to achieve alignment between communities, Tribal Councils, governments, and services providers; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 Anishinabe Health Plan, endorsed by Sioux Lookout area Chiefs, recognizes SLFNHA as the health planning authority for the Sioux Lookout area communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly recognizes and supports the proposed NAN-wide Health System Transformation Process in order to improve the ongoing health disparities and inequities impacting Sioux Lookout area First Nations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly acknowledge the role of SLFNHA and CCOH as a health planning authority with extensive knowledge of how health services are delivered at the community level and comprehensive understanding of the health issues in the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly recognize the role of SLFNHA and CCOH in initiating the process, which led to the various funding announcements.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct SLFNHA and the Chiefs Committee on Health to participate with Nishnawbe Aski Nation in the alignment process that will gather decision-makers to move health transformation forward in a deliberate, planned, and measureable way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct and support the Chiefs Committee on Health member to participate with NAN at the Joint Action Table and any other high-level decision making tables and that NAN develop mechanisms for ongoing communication and coordination with regards to planning and decision making.

FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct NAN to recognize the autonomy of individual First Nations and direct NAN and SLFNHA to develop mechanisms to ensure they are involved in the planning and decision-making processes, and that this process does not detract from the work communities and Tribal Councils are doing to transform their health systems.

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

Moved by:


Chief Clifford Bull, Lac Seul First Nation

Seconded by:


Chief Bart Meekis, Sandy Lake First Nation

Decision:

CARRIED

Signature of Meeting Chair:


Wally McKay, Meeting Chair