



Sioux Lookout
First Nations
Health Authority

SIOUX LOOKOUT FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AUTHORITY

Resolution #15-13

**PROPOSAL TO RESEARCH TREATMENT AS PREVENTION FOR
HEPATITIS C IN THE SIOUX LOOKOUT AREA**

WHEREAS, Hepatitis C is the leading cause of Years of Life Lost (YLL) due to infectious disease in Ontario and evidence suggests that Hepatitis C is two or three times more prevalent in First Nations than in the general population; and

WHEREAS, remote First Nation communities receive minimal federal or provincial funding to improve care for Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) infection; and

WHEREAS, Treatment as Prevention (TasP) has been shown to be successful with other diseases such as HIV and tuberculosis, but there is currently a lack of evidence with regards to HCV; and

WHEREAS, a study involving testing TasP in the region would provide the opportunity to treat people in the area who would not otherwise qualify for treatment, and it would help create an infrastructure to reach people who qualify for treatment under existing guidelines but are never reached; and

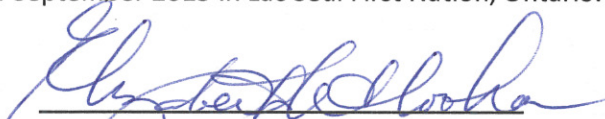
WHEREAS, the Toronto Western Hospital is the largest HCV treatment centre in Ontario and dealing with this disease is one of their major concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly support a TasP research project.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT, the Chiefs in Assembly direct the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority to work with Toronto Western Hospital to apply for grants from the National Institute of Health in the United States, the Canadian Institute of Health Research, and other funding sources to support this research project.

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

Moved by:


Chief Elizabeth Atlookan, Eabametoong First Nation


Seconded by:


Betty Bluecoat, proxy, Fort Severn First Nation

Decision:

CARRIED

Signature of Meeting Chair:


Wally McKay, Meeting Chair