



Regional Wellness Response Program

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If your community would like the Community Wellness Development Team's (CWDT) assistance, **this letter when signed represents an invitation from Chief and Council for our CWDT to help your community.** This invitation letter along with a completed referral form, as attached, must be faxed back to 807.737.6195.

RE: INVITATION LETTER

Due to an increase of opiate drug abuse/addiction and associated harm(s) in First Nation communities of the Sioux Lookout Zone, increased needle usage and needle sharing (a primary mode of transmission for blood-borne infections), and increase in Hepatitis C Virus (HCV); the Sioux Lookout Zone Chiefs in Assembly passed a resolution in 2011 mandating SLFNHA to develop a Regional Opiate Drug Abuse Strategy.

Consequently, the Sioux Lookout First Nations Health Authority established a Regional Wellness Response Program (RWRP). The RWRP manages a number of branch programs, including a Needle Distribution Program, Hepatitis C Program and Community Wellness Development Team.

The Community Wellness Development Team is a part of a regional initiative to help communities develop and implement their own community-driven treatment programs/approaches to address prescription drug abuse and the underlying mental health issues that influence substance abuse and addiction. A team consisting of a Project Facilitator, Addiction Specialist and Mental Health Specialist, provide on-going support and consultation to First Nation communities while they build capacity to tackle the issues. The team supports and offers expertise while communities prepare, plan and implement treatment approaches. For more detail on the specific services, please review the attached referral.

I, Chief _____ on _____, understand that by signing this letter, it is a formal invitation and permission for the CWDT to provide services to your community.

For more information or to ask questions please contact the Community Wellness Development Team's Project Facilitator at 807.737.6189.

Community Engagement

Referral Process

Teleconference

Community Assessment

Report Completed by Specialists

Action Planning

**Assistance with Development of a
Community-Based Project Proposal to Health Canada**

Program Design

Training & Capacity Development

Support During Program Implementation

Support During Development of Program Evaluations

Support to Establish & Strengthen Linkages

