

CCOH Strategy for First Nations Authority and Control over Health



CCOH Membership

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- Vacant Matawa First Nations Council Representative
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Health Transformation for Sioux Lookout area First Nations Background

Declaration of Health and Public Health Emergency

SLFNHA Resolution 15-23: *Call for Declaration of Public Health Emergency* to address the multiple health emergencies faced throughout the region.

The 2016 *Declaration of Health and Public Health Emergency* was issued jointly by the CCOH and NAN.

Resolution #16-09
SLFNHA CCOH Participation in NAN Health Transformation Process

Health Transformation - Position Statement

Two special meetings of the Board and CCOH occurred in January and July 2023. Also invited were Elders, participants from Nishnawbe Aski Nation (NAN) Tribal Councils and First Nations health leaders. The purpose was to develop a pathway forward for transforming the regional health care system.

Elements of a strategy were put into a Draft Position Statement which included the following:

- 1) Nation Driven Decision-Making Processes
- 2) Systems Planning through Multi-Lateral Negotiations
- 3) Identification of the Role of Devolution/Transfer
- 4) Assert our Traditional Governance and Protect our Treaty and Inherent Rights
- 5) Legal Strategy to Address Discrimination in the health care system

Resolution 23-07 Adoption of Position Statement on First Nations Authority and Control over Health for the Sioux Lookout area First Nations (September 2023)



Adopted the position statement.



Adopted the recommendations to host Special Chiefs and Elders meeting on Health Transformation to further develop a full position paper to be presented to the Chiefs in Assembly at a future date.



Directed SLFNHA to further engage with First Nations partners, including NAN and Tribal Councils to develop a coordinated and aligned approach.

Future State

Anishinabe control and authority to develop and enhance services guided by Anishinabe ways of knowing.

- 1) Funding to reflect Federal government's Treaty and Fiduciary obligations to Sioux Lookout area First Nations.
- 2) Federal health funding to Ontario to be diverted to be provided directly to First Nations under First Nations governance.
- 3) Provincial role limited to providing services.



Proposed Process

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First Nations Authority & Control Over Health

Approved Strategy*

Proposed Process



*Chiefs-In-Assembly approve Resolution 23-07: Position Statement on First Nations Authority & Control over Health

Proposed Process – *Cont'd*



Nation-Driven Decision Making

Decision Making: (AGM, Health Summit, Regional Partners Meetings, TC Caucus Meetings, CCOH, SLFNHA Board)

Kanawenimitisoowin: increased supports for community health plans, grassroots engagement with membership and community workers.



Planning and Negotiations

SLFNHA 10-Year Block Funding (2025-2035): present to Chiefs at 2024 AGM

Regional Health Framework and Regional Trilateral Funding: community-driven negotiations supported by SLFNHA, NAN, TCs.

Proposed Regional Partners Table

First Nations Regional Health System Partners Table (Regional Partners Table)

Purpose:

- Relationship building, collaboration, identify joint priorities and solutions
 - Examples: Long-Term Care, MRI, Public Health Jurisdiction
- Health Planning to be in line with:
 - Four Party Agreement
 - Anishinabe Health Plan.
- This will be achieved by improving partnerships to develop collaborative approaches based on common priorities.

Proposed Regional Engagement Approach



Co-develop an Engagement Pathway to ensure Nation driven decision making processes guide the work



A health system based on Kanawenimitisoowin (looking after ourselves in our own way)



Recognize the importance of the regional tribal councils and the need to develop and enhance partnerships



Develop an Accountability Strategy

Proposed Regional Engagement – Next Steps

- 1) **Communication strategy** and information pathway between the CCOH, SLFNHA and Tribal Councils
- 2) **Caucus meetings** of each Tribal Council Chiefs, planned jointly between SLFNHA and the respective Tribal Council
- 3) **Quarterly Regional First Nations Partners meetings** between SLFNHA, Tribal Council CEOs and NAN
- 4) **Annual Health Summit** (in partnership with Tribal Councils and NAN)

Pathway Forward



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FIRST NATIONS AUTHORITY & CONTROL OVER HEALTH



Failing System

First Nations identify need for control of health care as current system continues to fail our people*

**Scott McKay Bain Health Panel Report, 1989 and Declaration of Health & Public Health Emergency, 2016*



Chiefs Endorsement

Chiefs-in-Assembly approve Position Statement & Strategy with direction to hold Special Chiefs & Elders Meeting



Position Statement & 5-Point Strategy

Joint CCOH/SLFNHA Board Meetings held in 2023 with regional partners to develop the **Position Statement on Control and Authority over the Health System and 5-Point Strategy**



Proposed Process

To achieve the aim of the strategy, CCOH proposes the following process:

- Nation-Driven Decision Making
- System Planning and Negotiations
- Rights-Based Approach



Next Steps

- Chiefs & Elders Meeting for further direction on process
- Approval of Process at SLFNHA AGM
- Position Paper Developed
- Kanawenemitsisowin: Community Engagement



Alignment with NAN Health Transformation



It is anticipated that the CCOH Strategy for First Nations Authority and Control over Health for the Sioux Lookout Area will fit within a broader NAN Health Transformation Process.



Increased communication and coordination between processes is needed in order to move together in alignment.

Alignment with NAN Health Transformation

- Coordinated engagement and timelines are required.
- NAN has outlined three governance options – the CCOH is giving the direction to NAN to develop additional governance which better reflect the unique needs, structures and strengths of the Sioux Lookout area First Nations.

Moving Forward Together

- Honest and open dialogue is essential for our strategic directions in moving forward.
- We look to the Chiefs and Elders for their feedback and direction on how we move forward together under the common goal of achieving First Nations self-determination over health for the Sioux Lookout First area First Nations.



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