

GRAND COUNCIL TREATY #3

JI-ADISIDOOYANG GE-ONJI MINO-AYAAYANG

SPECIAL CHIEFS AND ELDERS MEETING
JUNE 25, 2024



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HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

What we've been working on

- 1) Health Law Background
- 2) Community Engagement Sessions & Targeted Engagements
- 3) Ongoing & Upcoming Initiatives
- 4) Emerging Priorities

TREATY #3 HEALTH LAW MANDATE

SOCIAL CHIEFS MANDATE

The National Assembly hereby direct the Ogichidaa and Social Sustainability Chiefs to:

1. To consult with the Communities of the Anishinaabe Nation in Treaty #3 – Elders of the Nation, Regional Health Organizations, community health technicians and the treaty 3 health council to begin the process of developing a written health law that is consistent with traditional law and the spirit and intent of the Treaty signed October 3, 1873, at Northwest Angle.

2. To Obtain resources for this undertaking from all governments

HISTORY OF HEALTH TRANSFORMATION

2000	2002	2010	2015	2019	2023
Millennium Resolution	Health Advocacy & Treaty Right	Health Council Establishment	RoD Health Law Drafting	Elder's Health Law Gathering	Health Law Declaration



A HEALTHY NATION



TREATY #3 HEALTH LAW MANDATE



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

An Elder's Health Law Gathering was held January 15 to 17, 2019 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. During this gathering, 94 Elders gathered to provide guidance for the framework to draft the Health Law. "Four Orders of Law that govern Anishinaabe Peoples" was presented by Elder Fred Kelly. From this gathering, the four elements were established to guide the drafting process:

- 1 Gaanaandawe Bimaadiziwin** *underlying concept of wellness, taking care of your life, sharing and protection of medicines*
- 2 Minaano'gidoowin** *balance in life; Minoaanigitowin* *living a healthy life*
- 3 Mino aayaawin**, *feeling well*
- 4 Naanaandawe'idewin**, *healing, doctoring*

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CHANGING FOR BETTER HEALTH

GOVERNANCE



WAABANONG

TREATY '3 COMMUNITY BASED



SHARED VISION OF WHO WE ARE

WE WANT TO CREATE OUR LAWS

ESTABLISHING OUR PROCESSES

WE ARE GOING TO BUILD & LODGE

TIMES HAVE CHANGED BUT OUR CULTURE HASN'T

LANGUAGE CONNECTS US TO SPIRIT

WISDOM & RESPECT



HEALTH PLACES TO BE CULTURALLY INCLUSIVE

WE HAVE LOST THE ABILITY TO COMMUNICATE

KIWETINONG

OUR SYSTEMS NEED ALL OUR VOICES



GAGLIKWEWIN

WE NEED SYSTEMS & INFRASTRUCTURE HERE

TOO MANY MISDIAGNOSIS

WE WON'T BE ABLE TO REMEMBER IF WE DON'T LEARN

YOUTH NEED STORYTELLERS & LANGUAGE

WATER IS HEALING

HEALTH IS OUR RIGHT

WE HAVE TO OWN OUR SYSTEM

NO MEDICINE IS BETTER THAN ANOTHER

WE DESERVE BETTER!

NINGABIL'ONONG

COMMUNITY NEEDS



WE MUST COMBINE & BALANCE PRACTICES

WE NEED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

MEDICINE

THE IMPORTANCE OF HEALING

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SEVEN GRANDFATHER TEACHINGS

TRADITION & MEDICINES

INDUSTRY IS POISONING OUR MEDICINE

EVERYTHING WE NEED TO BE HEALTHY IS HERE

ACCESS TO CORRECT TREATMENT

WE NEED COMPASSION

KNOWLEDGE

WE ARE THE EXPERTS

WE HAVE A CHOICE

THE CURRENT SYSTEM IS FAILING US

SHAWANONG

SAFE SPACE

SUPPORT & ENGAGEMENT

WE WANT OUR VOICES VALUED

HEALING HEALERS

WE NEED MORE REPRESENTATION IN HEALTHCARE

WE NEED EMPATHY

WHAT WILL OUR HEALTH KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM BE?

ENGAGEMENT & OUTREACH

Community-Based & Community-Paced

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENTS

18/28 Community Engagement Sessions are completed

Remaining communities will have community engagement sessions completed by summer 2024

Language

Culture

Jurisdiction

Medication

Equity

Land

Cooperation

Advocacy

Transportation

Justice

POWWOW TRAIL & GATHERINGS

Youth surveys were distributed along the Powwow Trail, asking youth to create a vision for a healthy future

Wait Times

Substance Use

Role Models

Mental Health

Leadership

Isolation

Housing

Advocacy

Access

Respect



Sara Mainville, JFK Law, providing an update on the Health Law at the 2024 Treaty #3 2SLGBTQIAP+ Economic Empowerment Gathering

ONGOING & UPCOMING INITIATIVES

Health Priorities

- 1) Health Law-Making Process
- 2) Health Human Resource Development
- 3) Data Governance & Digital Infrastructure
- 4) Accessibility & Patient Transportation
- 5) Mental Health, Substance Use, & Harm Reduction



HEALTH LAW

Current Status

The Health Law Declaration was endorsed by the Chiefs-in-Assembly at the Special Chiefs Assembly held December 2023 in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Health Law Declaration will serve as the preamble to the written portion of the Health Law - it will be available on our website once finalized. The Health Law Steering Committee has provided guidance in this process.



HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES

Education, Recruitment, & Retention

The Health Emergency Management Program's program's initial training, "Responding to Trauma and Grief," witnessed enthusiastic participation, engaging over 85 individuals across several workshops. Following this, the "Mental Health First Aid" training catered to 30 attendees. The training was held on September 25th to 29th, February 4th to 9th, and February 26th to March 1st.



Participants at the "Responding to Trauma and Grief" training hosted in Winnipeg, MB

DATA GOVERNANCE & DIGITAL LITERACY

Building Digital Capacity and Data Sovereignty



Jennifer McKibbon, Chief Chris Skead, Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh, MP Eric Melillo, Chief Wayne Smith and Debbie Lipscombe at the Dibaajimowin Connectivity Celebration

Progress in digital infrastructure is underway within the Treaty #3 Nations, particularly in connecting communities to high-speed fibre optic services, targeted for completion by 2025. Four communities have currently been released to access the Bell network, including: Couchiching, Naicatchewenin, Wauzhushk Onigum, and Wabauskang.

Looking ahead, our focus includes securing funding for providing OCAP (Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession) training to the committee and health directors, reinforcing the commitment to Indigenous data sovereignty.

ACCESSIBILITY

Reducing Barriers in Treaty #3

Grand Council Treaty #3 is proud to announce that as of January 2024 all four wheelchair accessible vans are in operation. All four vans have been deployed in Treaty #3 across all four directions.

The host sites are: Kenora, Obishikookaang, Nautkamegwanning, and Naicatchewenin.

PATIENT TRANSPORTATION RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1 Invest in community-based transportation infrastructure
- 2 Dedicated transportation & ride-share network
- 3 Treaty #3 transportation system alignment
- 4 After-hours patient navigation and patient travel discharge coordination



Emergency Accessibility Vehicles arriving in Nautkamegwanning, Obishikookaang, and displayed at the Kenora Main Office

MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE USE

Advancing Harm Reduction in Treaty #3

STBBI, SUBSTANCE USE, & HARM REDUCTION

Emergency room visits and hospitalizations for self-harm, mental and behavioural disorders, and substance-related disorders are notably high, with a considerable increase over the years.

HOUSING FIRST APPROACH

The healing camp at Bug Lake realizes the vision of elders and knowledge keepers and will provide a land based traditional healing camp for those who are most vulnerable from addictions.

CHILDREN'S & YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH

Data from the Northwestern Health Unit indicates a need for targeted interventions and support services, particularly in the Eastern region of Treaty #3, which has shown consistently high rates of concern across various mental health indicators.



Ogichidaa Kavanaugh stands with a new sign for Gamikaan Bimaadiziwin, Bug Lake Healing Camp



EMERGING PRIORITIES

What We've Heard

- 1) Healthy Equity & Access to Justice
- 5) Transportation & Accessibility of Care
- 6) Midwifery & Maternal Health, Full Spectrum Care
- 7) Traditional Wellness (medicine, healers, food sovereignty)



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