



FIRST NATIONS HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECRETARIAT OF MANITOBA

Update on Resolutions Carried at the
5th Annual Membership Meeting
Brokenhead Ojibway Nation, Manitoba
September 24 & 25, 2019

RESOLUTIONS UPDATES & ACTION PLANS

RESOLUTION #	TITLE	RESOLVE TO	RESPONSIBILITY (Director level)	UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS
SEPT-19.01	FNHSSM By-Law Amendment	<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members adopt the following amendment of the FNHSSM By-Law regarding voting privilege of proxies at any meetings of Directors:</p> <p>Section #27 Voting: Questions arising at any meeting of Directors shall be decided by way of consensus. If consensus is not reached, then it shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the absence of a member representative at a meeting of Directors, the member may designate another Chief or an elected Councillor from the same community to attend a Board</p>	Louis Harper, Senior Legal / Technical Advisor	<p>Section 27 of the FNHSSM By-Law was amended on September 19, 2019 in which an absent member may designate an alternate Chief or an elected Councilor (from the same community) to attend Board of Director's meeting on his or her behalf. The purpose of the amendment was to ensure quorum at these meetings.</p> <p>The current FHSSM By-Law now reads as follows:</p> <p>27. Voting: Questions arising at any meeting of Directors shall be decided by a way of consensus. If consensus is not reached, then it shall be decided by a majority of votes. In the absence</p>

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		Meeting on his/her behalf accredited with a letter for that purpose and who may participate fully in a meeting and entitled to vote. Chairperson shall always remain impartial.		of a member representative at the meeting of directors, the member may designate another Chief or an elected Councillor from the same community accredited with a letter for that purpose and who may participate fully in a meeting and entitled to vote. Chairperson shall remain impartial at all times.
SEPT-19.02	Actions identified in The Health Status of the Access of Healthcare by Registered First Nations Peoples in Manitoba Report	<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the FNHSSM Annual Membership Meeting direct the Secretariat to work with the provincial and federal government to implement the following specific actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual reporting on the progress in addressing gaps in health and access to culturally safe and competent healthcare; 2. Development of strategic initiatives for equitable access to interventions and prevention measures (including addressing racism in the health system through mandatory cultural safety training for all staff, hiring of First Nations providers, new human resource policies for safe reporting of racist incidents) addressing power differentials in health service delivery, programming, and administration; 	Leona Star, Director of Research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. With the approval of HIRGC, the FNHSSM research team is currently negotiating an ISA with ISC and Province of Manitoba to secure annual updates of the Indian Status Registry to ensure regular annual reporting that measure gaps in access to health care by First Nations. 2. Working with Shared Health and Race, Ethnicity Indicator working group on capturing voluntary self-declaration of ethnic groups including First Nations who access the health care system to effectively address racism within the health care system. 3. Develop meaningful partnerships and work with academic institutions within Manitoba on strategies to a)

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		<p>3. Development of short and long-term plans for the training, hiring, and retention of First Nations healthcare professionals; at all levels of the health care system;</p> <p>4. Further development of research partnerships among Manitoba Centre for Health Policy (MCHP), Manitoba Health, Seniors, and Active Living (MHSAL), FNHSSM, and Manitoba First Nations;</p> <p>5. Setting First Nations on the path to borderless healthcare delivery by improving access to primary healthcare that is designed and delivered through First Nations-led partnerships;</p> <p>6. First Nations be participatory in decision making in all matters that affect health and health outcomes;</p> <p>7. Direct FNHSSM Research Team to support Manitoba First Nations in the creation of their own data governance, strategies and build infrastructure to support community-driven strategies that support wellness.</p>		<p>support and increase the numbers of FN/Indigenous entering health professions and b) ensure that antiracism strategies are incorporated within all health care programs/institutions and all health care students are educated on Indigenous history are trained to deliver respectful and culturally safe care.</p> <p>4. Research partnership with MCHP and the Province of Manitoba (MHSL) have resulted in the publications of the First Nations Diabetes Atlas, the First Nations Children’s Atlas, reporting of COVID-19 cases, testing and vaccinations.</p> <p>5. Working on ISA to update annual reporting that will measure access to primary health care.</p> <p>6. Partnership with the Province of Manitoba, FNIHB and ISC has informed COVID testing, pandemic preparedness and vaccination roll out based on First Nations governance of FN data through the oversight of HIRGC.</p>
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				<p>7. The FNHSSM research team continues to lead the region in the assertion of data sovereignty and governance through the Health Information Research Governance Committee; funding secured through NIEHR funded by CIHR; building the infrastructure through data sovereignty funds secured through the partnership with the First Nations Information Governance Centre; applying to CIHR directly through initiatives including the NIEHR and the Indigenous Healthy Life Trajectories Initiative</p>
SEPT-19.03	Revised Mandate for Health Information Research Governance Committee (HIRGC)	<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the FNHSSM Annual Membership Meeting direct FNHSSM Membership to accept the revised mandate as of January 2018 for HIRGC being:</p> <p>The HIRGC was founded in 1998 by the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly to guide the First Nations Regional Health Survey (RHS) as the first Indigenous designed and led survey by and for Indigenous</p>	<p>Leona Star, Director of Research</p>	<p>The FNHSSM research team continues to provide support to the HIRGC, funding for HIRGC has been secured through NIEHR funded by CIHR; To date, HIRGC has reviewed 25 research applications under their new and expanded mandate over the course of 7 meetings.</p>

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		<p>people in the world. From this beginning, the AMC Chiefs-in-Assembly have broadened the responsibilities of HIRGC to include being:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. gatekeeper of First Nations data at a regional level; ii. the advisory body to offer guidance to research carried out on a regional basis, including reviewing applications from First Nations or academic researchers or consultants; iii. the body to ensure that respectful research for and by First Nations is carried out according to these principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Free Prior Informed consent on a collective and individual basis b. First Nations OCAP principles that First Nations have Ownership, Control, Access, and Possession of their own data and information c. First Nations ethical standards, whether Cree, Dakota, Dene, Oji Cree or Anishinaabe. d. Benefits to First Nations <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, HIRGC is to conduct the work required under and for the Chiefs-</p>		
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		<p>in-Assembly and aside from FNHSSM to prevent influence on data and findings.</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of FNHSSM Annual Membership Meeting mandate FNHSSM Research Department to support HIRGC in their revised mandate.</p>		
SEPT-19.04	Business Case: First Nations Diabetes Care for Health and Wellness	<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the First Nations Health and Social Secretariat of Manitoba finalize the draft Business Case in collaboration with the MFNDLC.</p> <p>FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED, in alignment with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action, the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health declare and designate resources and investments for the Business Case: First Nations Diabetes Care for Health and Wellness as a solution that is responsive to health inequities that are grounded in social, cultural and health services contexts of the First Nations community.</p>	Lorraine McLeod, Director of DIP	<p>A presentation of the business case was made at the FNHSSM AMM and the resolution passed in September 2019.</p> <p>3rd draft provided and presented on February 4, 2020 to the Manitoba First Nations Diabetes Leadership Council (MFNDLC)</p> <p>MPH Student (August 2020) Engagement sessions with MFNDLC November 16, 2020 December 14, 2020</p> <p>Next Steps: Draft 1 of proposed service delivery model and implementation plan to be presented to the MFNDLC their feedback will inform revisions.</p> <p>Anticipated completion is Fall of 2021.</p>

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<p>SEPT-19.05</p>	<p>Exploring the Federal and Provincial Governments’ Legal Responsibility in the Opioid Crisis.</p>	<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the FNHSSM Annual Membership Meeting direct the FNHSSM Board of Directors to work in collaboration with the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs’ Chiefs Task Force on Health (AMC-CTFoH) and respective legal counsel to explore the legal responsibilities of FNIHB-ISC and the pharmaceutical industry – and other pertinent organizations – that contribute to the opioid crisis among First Nations.</p>	<p>Louis Harper, Senior Legal / Technical Advisor</p>	<p>The purpose of the attached document is to research and explore the federal and provincial government’s responsibility in the opioid crisis. The paper identifies both level of government’s legal responses, responsibilities, and the strategies they impose to curb this societal crisis. The Summary Report is attached to this document.</p>
<p>SEPT-19.06</p>	<p>National Gathering on the Opioid and Substance Abuse Crisis</p>	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the FNHSSM Annual Membership Meeting direct the Secretariat to call on Indigenous Services Canada (FNIHB) to support a National Gathering on Opioid and Substance Abuse to develop a strategy specific to First Nations;</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the FNHSSM membership direct the Secretariat to work with Federal and Provincial governments to implement the recommendations brought forward from the gathering.</p>	<p>Amanda Meawasige, Director of Collaboration and Engagement</p>	<p>Funding opportunities that are not in direct competition with Manitoba First Nations has not been available.</p> <p>At the AFN Special Chiefs Assembly held in Ottawa, December 3-5, 2019 a draft resolution was sought for FNHSSM to host the “National Gathering on Substance Use with Emphasis on Opioids and Crystal Methamphetamine”. After edits were made, the AFN passed the resolution for their organization to undertake this initiative. In fall 2020, the AFN approached Amanda Meawasige, Intergovernmental Department, to submit a proposal to ISC Mental Wellness Division Headquarters where funding was</p>

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				<p>approved to host a national webinar series.</p> <p>In coordination with the FNHSSM Substance Use and Addictions Program (SUAP) the Intergovernmental Department coordinated a successful 4-day “National First Nation Webinar Series on Substance Misuse” at no cost to participants March 1-4, 2021.</p> <p>Problematic substance use remains a priority for the Intergovernmental Department and continued engagement, representation at relevant tables and policy recommendations will be implemented.</p>
SEPT-19.07	Sustainable Funding Model for Community Electronic Medical Record (cEMR)	<p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the FNHSSM Annual Membership Meeting recommend the Board of Directors to call on Indigenous Services Canada to authorize a funding envelope to support First Nations health organizations’ adoption and sustained use of meaningful digital health tools as this infrastructure is an essential service;</p> <p>THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the FNHSSM Annual Membership Meeting</p>	Jonathan Fleury, Director of eHealth	<p>eHealth has received intermittent funding for the first and second wave COVID funding. This is exceptional funding. FNHSSM eHealth has yet to have discussions regarding the dedicated sustainable cEMR funding.</p>

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		<p>recommend the Board of Directors to direct Indigenous Services Canada that this funding be an ongoing augmentation to existing community-level contribution agreements;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the FNHSSM Annual Membership Meeting recommend the Board of Directors to direct Indigenous Services Canada that this new funding acknowledges the projected costs associated with the adoption and use of digital health tools (e.g. implementation, training, change management, information technology infrastructure, ongoing licensing costs, clinical workflow integration etc.) as identified in the First Nations Digital Health Framework;</p> <p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the FNHSSM Annual Membership Meeting recommend the Board of Directors to direct Indigenous Services Canada that this new funding is to be made available within the next 12 months through an approach that does not introduce unnecessary administrative or</p>		
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		<p>bureaucratic processes and burdens on First Nations health organization administrators;</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the FNHSSM Annual Membership Meeting recommend the Board of Directors to direct Indigenous Services Canada to address funding inequities between Provincial health agencies, First Nations health organizations and communities who continue to face challenges with care coordination due to their lack of digital health infrastructure and create funding solutions that are meaningful and sustainable.</p>		
SEPT-19.08	Health Information Management Systems (HIMS) Mandate	<p>THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the FNHSSM Annual Membership Meeting of Chiefs direct the FNHSSM eHealth Unit to identify all plausible options to close this gap ensuring all health information is available at the point of care;</p> <p>FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the FNHSSM Annual Membership meeting mandate the FNHSSM eHealth Unit for Health Information Management Systems (HIMS) and to pursue necessary funding to create and implement an inclusive workplan to integrate eHealth applications in Manitoba</p>	Jonathan Fleury, Director of eHealth	Discussions are in process for PHIMS and cEMR data exchange. FNHSSM eHealth is exploring the feasibility of other eHealth applications to improve Health Information at the point of care.

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		First Nations. Under the principles of OCAP, First Nations will own, protect and control how their data is used for maximum impact at the local level. First Nations must determine how data is accessed, facilitated and respected.		
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