AFN Special Chiefs Assembly
December 9-11, 2008 Ottawa, ON

Resolution no. 58/2008

SUBJECT:	COMPETENCY FRAMEWORK FOR FIRST NATIONS HEALTH MANAGERS
MOVED BY:	Doug Kelly, Proxy, Shxw'ow'hamel First Nation, BC
SECONDED BY:	Chief Marcel Balfour, Norway House, MB
DECISION:	Carried by consensus

WHEREAS:

A. Health human resources are a priority for First Nations, and supported by numerous policy statements and plans, including the 1979 Indian Health Policy, regional and national work leading to the Blueprint on First Nations Health, Romanow Report, and the Assembly of First Nations' Health Human Resources Action Plan;

B. The most important health human resources in the First Nations health system are those who work in the community and provide immediate health care and preventative health services to First Nations;

C. First Nations health managers (FNHM) are an important influence on the quality of health services in the community, through their support and mentoring of health staff, advice and management support to Chief and Council, negotiation with funders, and negotiation and collaboration with the wider health systems including regional health authorities and provincial systems;

D. Capacity development and education for health human resources in First Nations continue to be under-resourced; and

E. A previous national gathering has started to build the network of FNHM and develop capacity.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. Chiefs-in-Assembly support the next national gathering of First Nations Health Managers (FNHM) in Vancouver on January 27-29, 2009.

2. Chiefs-in-Assembly support the continued work on a Competency Framework that would lead to increased skills and knowledge for FNHM.

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PHIL FONTAINE, NATIONAL CHIEF