SPECIAL CHIEFS ASSEMBLY
DECEMBER 14, 15 & 16, 2010, GATINEAU, QC

Resolution no. 60/2010

TITLE:	Ratification of Renewed Program Framework for the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) and Youth Solvent Addiction Program (YSAP)
SUBJECT:	Health
MOVED BY:	Grand Chief Doug Kelly, Proxy, Soowahlie First Nation, British Columbia
SECONDED BY:	Chief Gilbert W. Whiteduck, Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg First Nation, Quebec
DECISION:	Carried by Consensus

WHEREAS:

A. First Nations continue to face high rates of addictions and the impacts that accompany the prevalence of such addictions.

B. The field of addictions has experienced a variety of advancements in programming, policy, practice, and use, and the existing programs aimed at addressing addictions issues for First Nations peoples have not evolved in accordance with advancements and increased needs.

C. The existing National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) has undergone former reviews and recommendations aimed at improving program administration and operations, with little or no substantial change in program policy, and little or no increases to resources.

D. The Assembly of First Nations (AFN), National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation (NNAPF) and Health Canada have worked collaboratively in administering a NNADAP and Youth Solvent Addiction Program (YSAP) Renewal process that honours principles of meaningful engagement, cultural competence, recognition and respect.

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E. The Renewal Process has engaged AFN regions and communities in conducting regional needs assessments and prioritization of addictions issues to form the foundation and content of the Renewal Framework, and focus groups to solicit feedback on the final working draft of the Renewed Program Framework for NNADAP and YSAP.

F. The Yukon and Northwest Territories have not been included in the conduct of regional needs assessments and regional focus groups, and as a result are not fully reflected in the framework in its current form.

G. The Renewed Program Framework adopts a systems-model approach to design, delivery and implementation of culturally competent, needs-based addictions systems that better meets community addictions needs.

H. A Leadership Team composed of First Nations representatives of community, the addictions field, community health, and other related stakeholders, has been established to advise on the implementation of the Renewed Program Framework.

I. The Renewed Program Framework is consistent and compatible with the First Nations and Inuit Mental Wellness Advisory Committee's Strategic Action Plan as approved in-principle by the Chiefs-in-Assembly (resolution 06-2008).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chiefs-in-Assembly:

1. Urge First Nation Governments, health programs, Tribal Councils, Provincial/ Territorial Organizations to work together on the development of comprehensive strategies for advocacy.

2. Urge Health Canada to:
    a. Identify funds to resource the adequate and effective implementation of the Renewed Program Framework as guided by the National Native Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (NNADAP) and Solvent Addiction Program (YSAP) Leadership Team, the AFN and National Native Addictions Partnership Foundation (NNAPF);
    b. Identify funds to resource adequate community-based program operations as outlined in the Renewed Program Framework, including suicide intervention;
    c. Ensure that the implementation of the Renewed Program Framework is administered in tandem with the national and regional implementation of the MWAC Strategic Action Plan;
    d. Ensure continued efforts to invest resources towards process addictions such as gambling.

3. Support that the NNADAP and YSAP Renewed Program Framework is created with the voice of First Nation communities via AFN regions and others and will therefore facilitate change towards implementation of the Renewal Framework where possible.

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4. Support the Renewal Leadership Team in its efforts to guide and advocate for implementation of the renewal framework amongst the three partners: AFN, NNAPF, and Health Canada, and accompanying networks and through other appropriate partnerships.

5. Support in-principle the NNADAP and YSAP Renewed Program Framework, provided that:
    a. Resourcing required for the implementation and ongoing operations of the NNADAP / YSAP program are secured to support implementation and comprehensive operations as identified in the Renewed Program Framework;
    b. Measures are taken to ensure that the northern AFN regions of the Yukon and Northwest Territories are provided with an opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations to the draft of the Renewed Program Framework by February 2011, and that such feedback and recommendations are included in the draft;

6. The AFN and NNAPF continue to be recognized as key partners to Health Canada in guiding implementation of the Renewed Program Framework.

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