

Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami

Annual General Meeting

Date: September 27 & 28, 2011

Location: Inuvik N.W.T



Resolution #: A11-09-14
Resolution Title: Approval of Mental Health

Moved by: Jim Lyall
Seconded by: John Lucas Jr.

WHEREAS, there is a chronic and notorious lack of mental health facilities and services for Inuit and other residents of Inuit Nunangat;

AND WHEREAS, this lack of mental health facilities and services has contributed in direct and negative ways to elevated rates of mental illness in Inuit Nunangat, and to host of other linked health and social problems ranging from educational under-achievement to over-representation of Inuit in the criminal justice system;

AND WHEREAS, this situation is not acceptable to Inuit, and should not be acceptable to Canada as a whole and its governments;

AND WHEREAS, the Parliament and Government of Canada have ample legislative jurisdiction, and appropriate financial resources, to invest in new, improved mental health facilities and services in Inuit Nunangat, and provincial and territorial government also have responsibilities in this regard;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) ITK and other Inuit organizations do everything possible to raise awareness of the extent and severity of mental health issues; and
- 2) ITK and other Inuit organizations coordinate the allocation and investment of fresh public sector moneys, by both the federal and provincial/territorial governments, to deal squarely, humanely, and constructively with mental health issues in Inuit Nunangat, including the high levels of suicide throughout Inuit Nunangat.

Carried Unanimously

In Favor:

Against:

Abstentions:

Carried: X

Defeated: