

Statement of Commitment

G4 HEALTH AND ALBERTA HEALTH SERVICES (CALGARY ZONE)

THIS STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT IS AN AFFIRMATION OF OUR SHARED GOAL TO MOVE FORWARD IN TRUE PARTNERSHIP SUPPORTING THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS OF ÎYETHKA (BEARSPAW, CHINIKI, GOODSTONEY) AND TSUUT'INA PEOPLES. THROUGH THIS STATEMENT OF COMMITMENT, WE AGREE:

- Bears paw, Chiniki, Goodstoney and Tsuut'ina are signatories to Treaty No. 7 and have unique and cultural worldview to their health and wellness, which must be respected and integrated into all health care systems;
- Healthcare services must be provided equitably to all including the Îyethka (Bears paw, Chiniki, Goodstoney) and Tsuut'ina Peoples. The work of the parties to this Statement of Commitment will be guided by the spirit of following: Inherent Rights, Treaty Rights, Human Rights and Rights under international law, specifically the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls "Calls to Justice", Declaration of Alma-Ata, Objectives of the Royal Commission of Aboriginal Peoples Report, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission "Calls to Actions";
- Cultural and personal safety is a top priority for Alberta Health Services (Calgary Zone), thereby ensuring the dignity and respect of each patient, family, and all community members; and
- Seeking new ways to work together further supporting positive health outcomes for all Îyethka (Bears paw, Chiniki, Goodstoney) and Tsuut'ina Peoples.

We, therefore, commit to support the following:

1. To eliminate assumptions in order to build trust and further our collaborative relationship;
2. To work together to develop clear and culturally appropriate internal and external communications, including but not limited to culturally appropriate tracking tools;
3. To challenge stereotypes and foster cultural sensitivity so as to eliminate racism and discrimination in any form;
4. To deepen cross-cultural understanding by orientating all Alberta Health Services (Calgary Zone) staff in Îyethka (Bears paw, Chiniki, Goodstoney) and Tsuut'ina ways including committing to learning opportunities developed by G4 Health in collaboration with Îyethka (Bears paw, Chiniki, Goodstoney) and Tsuut'ina Nations;
5. To advocate for policy and administrative changes using data, research, and analytics that support a culturally safe health system for Îyethka (Bears paw, Chiniki, Goodstoney) and Tsuut'ina Peoples;
6. To continue to meet regularly to identify issues and solutions to address challenges and build on these commitments to provide culturally safe and equitable healthcare; and
7. The development of an evaluation framework that demonstrates our collaborative efforts towards the improvement of health service delivery and health outcomes for Îyethka (Bears paw, Chiniki, Goodstoney) and Tsuut'ina Peoples.

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Signed: August 8, 2023 in Tsuut'ina Alberta in the presence of our Knowledge Holders

We give our deepest thanks to the Îyethka (Bears paw, Chiniki, Goodstoney) and Tsuut'ina Elders for their wisdom, guidance, and courage in sharing their stories; we have reached this far because of their bravery, determination, and leadership.