

Tłıchq Government

Terms of Reference: The Healing Wind Advisory Committee

1. Delegation of Authority:

The Healing Wind Advisory Committee (HWAC) is a group of Tłıchq Elders, CHRs and community volunteers, with representation from all four Tłıchq communities. The primary principle is that community knowledge and values are essential to the successful implementation of healing and wellness projects, programs and services. The group became consolidated during the outbreak of sexually transmitted infections in the Tłıchq Region in 2005. Many of the members were trained to conduct community surveys, and assisted in the planning of the follow-on activities. The result of this integrated program was a remarkable reduction in sexually transmitted infections in the region.

2. Purpose/Mandate

The purpose of the Healing Wind Advisory Committee of the Tłıchq Government is to increase community participation in the development and implementation of effective healing and wellness strategies, policies, projects, programs and services. The Committee is an advisory body to the Tłıchq Government, and has been officially recognized and funded to continue to mentor:

- CART team(s)
- Social Programs
- Tłıchq Integrated Training Program development

3. Membership

The Healing Wind Advisory Committee is made up of individuals who can give voice to different community perspectives including elder, youth, men and women as well as representing the different program functions of the TG including Child and Family Services, Education and Health. Other members may be added at the discretion of the committee in consultation with the TG. As well, individuals may be brought in temporarily to advise and assist on particular projects.

HWAC members who are also TG/TCSA/GNWT staff will serve on the committee as part of their employment duties. Where appropriate, managers of HWAC members will be informed in advance to secure their participation in meetings. Members who do not receive salaries from a work place will be paid an honorarium as per applicable TG rates.

Chairperson: Healing Wind Committee members will choose a chair person and a vice-chair person. The role of the chair person is to maintain the focus of the members on the business at hand. The chair assists the designated CART team secretary/coordinator to organise meetings, develop and distribute an agenda. The chair represents the HWAC to the TG, TCSA, other organisations and media as necessary.

A Vice-chairperson will also be chosen by the committee. This person assists the chair person as and when necessary.

4. Meetings

The HWAC will schedule meetings on a regular basis, and as and when needed to provide specific direction, assistance, and other support for specific community based projects.

The budget will include funding for meeting expenses.

5. Objectives

The objectives of the Healing Wind Advisory Committee are as follows:

- 5.1 to advocate for and promote individual and community wellness and healing strategies in the Tłı̄chǫ Region;
- 5.2 to identify community concerns and priorities for action in the development of strategies, policies, projects, programs and services related to healing and wellness;
- 5.3 to provide advice and support to the Tłı̄chǫ Government and to the managers of social programs, CART, and other program leaders with regard to appropriate and necessary strategies;
- 5.4 to develop and refine community based methods for effective delivery of TG strategies, policies, projects, programs and services related to healing and wellness;
- 5.5 to provide direction, mentorship and support to the CART team in the development, implementation and evaluation of community based social programs and project.

6. Support

The HWAC will receive mgmt. advice and support from the Director of Social Programs. A member of the CART team may be designated as a facilitator/secretary for the operations of the committee and will provide administrative support for the organisation of meetings including an agenda, minutes and travel and financial arrangements.

Each member actively participates in the business of the Advisory Committee and members may be called on to assist in the delivery of healing and wellness work;

The council will use a model of decision making based on open and respectful dialogues leading to a consensus among members. The decisions of the committee cannot bind the TG to actions that would require financial or human resources without consultation.

Approved by: _____ Date _____

Appendix 1:

Member of The Healing Wind Advisory Committee 2013

Mary Adele Rabesca (Elder, Whatì)

Therese Jeremick'ca (CHR, Whatì)

Madeline Judas (Lay Dispenser, Wekweèti)

Nora Wedzin (TCSA staff, Behchokö)

Joe Erasmus (Elder, Behchokö)

Mary Adele Wetrade (Gamèti).

Appendix 2

Current Activities:

- HWAC works closely with CART.
- HWAC has lately been mentoring the Tłıchq members of the early childhood, diabetes and nutrition teams.
- HWAC has been participating in workshops as training programs are integrated
- HWAC members have attended the summer puberty camps as Elders to assist CART in providing sexual health knowledge in a framework of Tłıchq cultural knowledge and skills
- Contribute to the development of the Tłıchq Research and Training Institute