



**COLLEGE OF  
ALBERTA  
PSYCHOLOGISTS**



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
("MOU")**

**between**

**SIKSIKA HEALTH SERVICES**

**and**

**COLLEGE OF ALBERTA PSYCHOLOGISTS**

**Siksika Health Services ("SHS") and College of Alberta  
Psychologists ("CAP") are hereinafter referred to as the  
"Parties"**



## I. PREAMBLE

Whereas, Siksika and the CAP share the following objectives:

- ensuring members of Siksika Nation have access to professional, ethical, and competent registered psychologists and registered provisional psychologists, herein referred to as “psychologist”
- incorporating Indigenous knowledge, perspective and elements of TRC Actions into the framework CAP uses to regulate its members
- strengthen the ongoing partnership to enhance health and wellbeing of the members of Siksika in their Community and throughout Alberta
- substantive and authentic connections and relationships are integral to the provision of quality care for and with Indigenous people
- learnings and successes from this partnership will be used to inform the approach for ongoing partnerships with First Nations Communities

## II. THE PARTIES

This MOU is between SHS and CAP:

Siksika Health Services, located in Siksika, is responsible for providing health and wellbeing services to all Nation members as well as the surrounding communities.

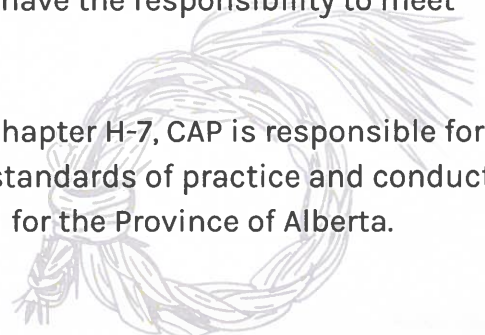
The people of Siksika abide by the following principles:

"Ah'tsoh'tsi'ika'kii'mahn - Combined efforts for a good life"

- We recognize the supremacy of the Creator and the power of prayer and ceremonies in healing our people.
- We recognize the need to walk together with good intentions and encourage a good way of life for our people and for future generations.
- Our culture, ceremonies and language are gifts from the Creator. We want to never set aside what the Creator has given us.

We understand the needs of our people and recognize we have the responsibility to meet those needs.

Pursuant to s. 3 of the Health Professions Act, RSA 2000 Chapter H-7, CAP is responsible for regulating psychologists, developing and administering standards of practice and conduct, and investigating psychologist-related complaints in and for the Province of Alberta.



### **III. PURPOSE OF MOU**

The purpose of this MOU is to certify that CAP respects the autonomy and sovereignty of Siksika, and that Siksika recognizes and endorses CAP's regulatory authority over psychologists practicing in their community.

These professionals are subject to the regulatory practices of CAP.

### **IV. COMMON UNDERSTANDING**

Indigenous peoples have the right to the dignity and diversity of their cultures, traditions, histories and aspirations (United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Article 15.1). Through this MOU, the Parties will strive to support the reconciliation of the legacy of colonization, and address the imbalance as it relates to the First Nations health narrative in Canada. The wellbeing of First Nations people will be achieved through mutual respect and equal standing in a partnership.

### **V. SHARED PRINCIPLES OF REGULATION OF PSYCHOLOGISTS**

It is important to acknowledge and recognize that the First Nation view of health and wellness embodies a holistic and interconnected approach to life. The strengths of this approach should be honoured and should not be seen as an obstacle to providing ethical and high quality competent care to the people of Siksika.

### **VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The Parties understand that this MOU is not intended to create a binding legal obligations and all activities resulting from this agreement will be compliant with applicable law(s).

## **VII. DURATION, AMENDMENT and TERMINATION**

This MOU will come into effect on the date of the last signature and will remain in place until the parties agree otherwise.

## **VIII. COMMUNICATION**

The Parties agree to maintain open lines of communication and to notify the other partner of any developments of a strategic nature that may affect the partnership.