

# Sagkeeng Interagency Group

Terms of Reference

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## SAGKEENG INTERAGENCY GROUP

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## **1. Purpose**

Sagkeeng Interagency Group can be a key mechanism for agreeing how the different organizations will co-operate to safeguard and promote the welfare of all members of Sagkeeng First Nation, and ensure that this is done fairly, effectively and with due process.

## **2. Objectives**

- To review how well local services work together and share how we can all work together to achieve the desired goals for Sagkeeng members.
- To monitor the effectiveness of agencies duties to the members of Sagkeeng First Nation.
- To help develop good working relationships between the different agencies and groups based on trust and mutual understanding.
- To make sure that agencies share a common understanding of how and when action should be taken.
- To make sure that any lessons learned either locally or nationally are shared, understood and acted upon by respective agencies.
- To make training available as needed to improve the quality of life for Sagkeeng members.

### **3. Chairperson Arrangements**

The Interagency Group is chaired, on a rotating basis, by a member of one of the agencies represented in the group.

### **4. Frequency of the meetings**

Meetings will be held on a monthly basis on the **third Wednesday of each month.** The meeting will be held at the boardroom of the agency member who is scheduled to Chair for that monthly meeting.

### **5. Membership**

The Interagency Group members are representatives of the different agencies at Sagkeeng:

- Director of Sagkeeng Child and Family Services
- Director of Health
- Director of Education
- Director of the Department of Public Works
- Justice/Police Representative
- Sagkeeng Wellness Centre
- Katrina Rae Day Care Centre
- Sagkeeng Social Services
- Sagkeeng Treatment Centre
- Sagkeeng Healing Foundation
- Sagkeeng Cultural Centre
- Sagkeeng Employment and Training Services

If a member of the group can not attend the meeting it is the responsibility of the organization or agency to have a representative at the monthly meeting.

## 6. Accountability and Reporting

- ▶ The work of the Sagkeeng Interagency Group is part of the wider context of arrangements that aim to improve the overall well-being of all Sagkeeng members. The relationship between the Sagkeeng Interagency Group should not compromise the different agencies separate identity and independent voice. There will be a direct line of communication between the Sagkeeng Interagency Group and the different agencies at Sagkeeng First Nation. This is to ensure that action by one agency does not duplicate the action by another, and the agencies should work together to ensure that there are no unhelpful strategic or operational gaps in policies, protocols, services or practice.
- ▶ While the Sagkeeng Interagency Group has a role in coordinating and ensuring the effectiveness of local individuals' and organizations' work to safeguard and promote the welfare of all Sagkeeng members, it is not accountable for their operational work. All Sagkeeng Interagency Group partners retain their own existing lines of accountability for safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all Sagkeeng members by their services in their specific areas.
- ▶ Reporting and minutes of the Sagkeeng Interagency Group will be recorded and recommendations from these meetings are shared to all workers in the different agencies at Sagkeeng First Nation.