

Health Canada/Newfoundland /Davis Inlet Innu Meeting January 10, 2000

Agreement on the following:

1. proceeding on the assessment and detox of the 16 children currently in the Grace Hospital in St. John's, using additional Innu workers (to be supplied);
2. that the Innu will identify a number of health professionals (clinical psychologists, social workers, etc) who will be part of the team working with the children;
3. that the social workers who arrived in Davis Inlet that day will continue their assessments, but that the children will be brought down to the Grace for assessment in stages, rather than as one large group;
4. a small tripartite technical working group was formed to develop options for the youth treatment program, including its location (the Innu added a new dimension to this discussion - they now want this to happen in Goose Bay rather than at the Grace as previously planned); and
5. regular coordination meetings would continue.

After the meeting Al Garman spoke with provincial officials including Debrah Fry, DM. Fry was appreciative of HC's help and David Dodge's (non-specific) financial commitment but was pressing for quick settlement of how costs were to be shared and for the immediate flow of money to her department.

A very rough first estimate of the 5-year total costs is about \$25 million. The Province's starting point is 70 / 30 fed/prov cost-sharing. The Regional Director, Atlantic, offered 50 / 50. All agreed to continue the discussion next week.