

**ACTION PLAN
ALLEVIATING THE SOCIAL DYSFUNCTION
IN THE LABRADOR INNU COMMUNITIES
November 27, 2000**

- 1. Provision of support to Newfoundland in the immediate task of assuring the safety and protection of the Sheshatshiu children-at-risk (this will apply equally to the Davis Inlet children):**
 - 1.1 Contact the Maritime provinces to identify experienced child welfare workers and other staff who could assist the Province in (a) completing assessments, (b) providing direct supervision of children in care, and (c) providing relief to the existing front-line staff with respect to the at-risk children (**by December 1**)
 - 1.2 Contact other organizations such as the Maritime School of Social Work and the local universities to determine the availability of other possible assistance (**by December 1**)

- 2. Development of a Sheshatshiu Family-Centred Treatment Program:**
 - 2.1 Work with the community to refine its proposal for family treatment which is currently being developed (**by December 8**)
 - 2.2 Review the proposal and negotiate with the community and with Health Labrador Corporation/provincial representatives on levels of support to be provided to Sheshatshiu for the treatment program (**December 15**)

- 3. Assistance to Newfoundland in placing the Sheshatshiu children-at-risk in appropriate treatment venues:**
 - 3.1 Continue to work with provincial authorities to determine suitable treatment placements for the children-in-care still without treatment plans (**by December 8**)
 - 3.2 Liaise with the Province and the community to place the identified 5 - 6 children (plus others assessed with appropriate need) in a family-centred country treatment setting (**by December 15**)
 - 3.3 Place two children (or more as identified) in beds in the HC national solvent treatment center network (**by December 1**)

4. Assuring the health and safety of the Davis Inlet children-at-risk:

- 4.1 As with Sheshatshiu, identify human resources (child welfare workers in particular) to assist provincial officials in undertaking front-line work (**if & when**)
- 4.2 As with Sheshatshiu, work with the Province to develop placement strategies and options for children apprehended under provincial legislation (**if & when**)
- 4.3 Collaborate with Davis Inlet and provincial staff to develop an appropriate family-centred treatment program to meet the needs of those children assessed as suitable for this treatment modality (**if & when**)

5. Identify Sources of Professional Expertise to assist the regional office:

- 5.1 Region will hire/contract the services of an external solvent abuse clinical professional to provide independent advice (**by December 8**)
- 5.2 Region will continue to work closely with HQ staff and the national network of solvent abuse treatment specialists to profit from the in-house expertise. Robin Dupuis from HQ is currently providing assistance to regional staff (**by November 28**)

6. Organization/Responsibilities of Regional Team:

- 6.1 Al Garman, Regional Director
 - overall regional lead role for this initiative
 - lead in liaising with DIAND and other senior provincial and federal officials
 - responsible for ensuring that communications to and among the regional team members are coordinated and up-to-date
 - media spokesperson for the issue
- 6.2 Katharine Owen, ARD, Program Operations
 - responsible for the day-to-day coordination of the Regional/HQ team
 - main contact with provincial colleagues
 - main contact re. professional advice
- 6.3 Peter MacGregor, Manager, Community Based Programs
 - day-to-day contact at the working level with front-line staff of Health Labrador Corporation, the Sheshatshiu solvent treatment Centre and provincial addictions services as well as the national solvent abuse treatment centers
- 6.4 Robin Dupuis, CBP, HQ
 - provide professional support to the regional team and to the community

- 6.5 Gerry Steele (long-time consultant on the Davis Inlet file)
 - continue to provide community liaison
 - 6.6 Tracey Taweel, Regional Director, Communications.
 - provide media support, liaison and analysis
- 7. Evaluate the condition of the Charles J. Andrew Youth Restoration Center with respect to (i) quality of programs delivered, (ii) the state of its physical structure and upkeep, (iii) financial status of the facility, and (iv) safety and security of the facility (by December 8)**