



Waganakising Odawak

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Long Term Care and Assisted Living Task Force

In the Waganakising Odawak Constitution, Article I, Section B, Paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, the Tribal Government is directed to “promote with special care the health...of all the people, especially our children and elders...” and further to “Regard the raising of the level of nutrition... and the improvement of public health as among their primary duties.” The Tribal Government is also to “Establish and maintain within the limits of their economic capacity...effective provisions for securing the right to ... assistance in ... old age, sickness and disablement, and in other cases of need...”

The need for independent living, assisted living and long term care facilities for our tribal citizens can be easily documented. However, in order to meet these needs research must be done to determine the best and most feasible way for us to address the needs within the limits of our financial resources. A taskforce is hereby created to study and create a report on Elder Care for our tribe. The task force is charged with the responsibility to create a report that outlines their research and make recommendations to the Executive on how best to meet the needs of our tribal elders as it relates to the aforementioned housing and care issues. This task force will meet at least monthly but as often as necessary over the next twelve months. The task force will conduct at least one public meeting to gather input on the extent of the needs and other concerns on these issues from tribal citizens.

The members of the task force will be 1) Tribal Administrator Albert Colby (or his designee), 2) Housing Director Deleta Smith, 3) Community Health Nurse Michele Keshick, 4) Elders’ Program Coordinator Marie “Tootsie” Keshick, 5) Richard Wemigwase from the Housing Department Staff and the Elder’s Association, 6) Carol Kiogima Community Health Representative, and 7) Tribal Chairman Frank Ettawageshik (or his designee). Additionally, a representative from the Planning Department and Accounting Department are authorized to attend as needed. The workgroup will be chaired by Marie “Tootsie” Keshick.

*This Executive Directive becomes effective January 23, 2007,
and will remain in effect until the task force issues its final report or until rescinded by a
subsequent Executive action.*

Frank Ettawageshik, Tribal Chairman