

Resolution #1

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTION

To: SSM Resolutions Committee

Sponsored by: Board of Directors, Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism

Moved by Nancy O'Donnell-Monk Seconded by Randy Dove

BE IT RESOLVED

That the Saskatchewan Seniors Mechanism urge the Government of Saskatchewan to restore funding for Chaplaincy services immediately.

Background

In times of illness, trauma, and loss, a person's beliefs, values and feelings are important aspects of healthcare.

Without the funding in place, the list of names of those who want spiritual care from local faith visitors and volunteers is no longer available.

A Chaplain is a spiritual care professional who is a member of the healthcare team.

Medical care is not just medicine and doctors. It is the whole gamut. It is spiritual, mental, emotional and physical. There is a whole team to work together and spiritual care is a part of that team.

If health care institutions in Saskatchewan want to maintain the highest standard of care as outlined by Accreditation Canada spiritual care must be a part.

Overall health and wellbeing includes access to spiritual care, and should be available to all people in hospital/longterm care facilities/hospices and their families.

Every other province in Canada offers spiritual care services to their patients.

The Government of Saskatchewan budget cut of funding for Chaplaincy services affects the sick, vulnerable and those facing times of crisis in their lives.