



# MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE

*Executive Branch of Tribal Government*

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSIONER'S ORDER 001-15

**A COMMISSIONER'S ORDER TO AUTHORIZE THE CREATION OF A CRISIS TEAM TO SUPPORT SUBSTANCE ABUSING PREGNANT WOMEN AND THEIR CHILDREN BY CREATING AN INTERDEPARTMENTAL RESPONSE WITHIN HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES TO RESPOND TO THESE INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY CRISES IN A WAY THAT ADDRESSES THE WHOLE WOMAN, CHILD AND FAMILY.**

**WHEREAS,** the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe has been experiencing a crisis of newborn children prenatally exposed to opiates;

**WHEREAS,** the Department of Health and Human Services has been charged by the Chief Executive to address a multitude of issues that have been impacted by this crisis;

**WHEREAS,** no single department is able on its own to provide adequate care to the needs of substance abusing pregnant mothers or their children;

**WHEREAS,** typical service delivery from individual departments is insufficient in and of itself to cover the added needs that these difficult cases provide and cases often fall in between normal service lines;

**NOW THEREFORE,** be it ordered that the Commissioner of Health and Human Services has directed all departments under his jurisdiction to mobilize financial resources, human resources and appropriate time to develop a Crisis Pregnancy Support Team by September 15, 2015 and as outlined below:

Monthly updates will be submitted to the Commissioner and reported by him to Band Assembly at the HHS Quarterly presentation.

The following departments are charged with establishing an interdepartmental team that agrees to develop strategies that can meet the unique and challenging needs of all substance abusing pregnant women, and women who have recently delivered a child who has tested positive for drugs and or alcohol: Community Support Services, Family Services, Behavioral Health and Public Health.

The team will meet regularly, develop clear policies and procedures for working together as a team to develop and implement a rapid response to each identified case and provide culturally appropriate case plans and responses to each

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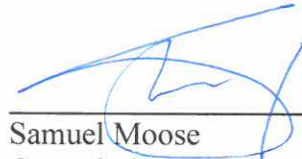
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individual situation. The goals are to prevent ongoing substance use during pregnancy and to assist mothers who are addicts and deliver addicted babies to have unencumbered access to services that meet their needs for recovery. The team will have professional representatives from each department and will be led by a Wraparound Facilitator. Team members will include a Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor, Social Worker, Peacemaker, and a Maternal and Child Health Nurse. Additionally, the team will engage family supports, cultural supports and spiritual supports for each mother and child.

**DATED** At Vineland, Minnesota, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year two thousand and fifteen.

**Effective: September 15, 2015**

**Expiration: September 30, 2017**



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Samuel Moose  
Commissioner of Health and Human Services