

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS *Access to Medically Supervised Injection Services Edmonton* (AMSISE) met with the Council of the Alberta College of Social Workers (ACSW) in November, 2016 to request support for establishment of safe injection services;

WHEREAS it is the understanding of the Council of ACSW that AMSISE is seeking a federal exemption under Section 51 of the Controlled Drugs and Substances Act to offer supervised consumption services without the risk of prosecution for both the client accessing the services with pre-obtained illegal drugs and the staff working in the setting where this activity is taking place;

WHEREAS the principle of respect for the inherent dignity and worth of persons is part of the Social Worker Code of Ethics;

WHEREAS it is the understanding of the Council of the ACSW that The College of Licensed Practical Nurses and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta have formally provided their endorsement of the concept of medically supervised injection services to AMISISE;

AND WHEREAS the position that supervised consumption services prevent overdose deaths and improve access to medical and social supports for clients with chronic and severe addictions, many of whom are homeless, is one that is generally recognized and supported in the social work field of practice;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF ACSW confirm endorsement of the concept of medically supervised injection sites in Alberta communities.

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Please note: If you have any feedback or comments please send these by email to Noreen Majek, Executive Assistant at noreenm@acsw.ab.ca by March 29th, 2017.