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2018 AGM Resolution

Mover: Zone 4

Subject: Nurse Practitioners

Whereas approx. one in six Canadians are without a primary care provider, and

Whereas Nurse practitioners (NP) improve access to holistic care, cost effective care that reduces wait times in Canadian emergency rooms and costs through the broader health care system, and

Whereas even though New Brunswick has upward of 20000 residents without a primary health care provider, NP's are losing their licenses and are they are not being utilized by the province as part of a reasonable solution for a more efficient, cost effective Health care system.

Be it resolved that UMNB lobby the Department of Health to recruit and retain Nurse practitioners (NP) in Areas which have been identified as difficult to recruit. These areas would be defined as areas where Physician billing positions have been vacant one year or more.

Be it further resolved that UMNB lobby that the Regional Health Authority in cooperation with the Department of Health be given the ability to convert Billing position (or salary equivalents), typically held by Physicians in these Areas to staff with salaried NP positioned. The Regional Health Authority will work with these communities in determining the appropriate places to staff these NP positions based on community resources, whether it is Community Health center or local clinics.