

## **CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET**

Institution: Cree Board of Health and Social Services of James Bay

Candidate's name:Dr. Darlene Kitty
Place of work or of practice of a profession:Family Physician – Chisasibi
Candidate profile (education, occupation, experience):
Family Physician working in Chisasibi since 2006, many years working at ER/Medicine ward and CMC, currently working in Home Care and Elders Home.
President, Council of Physicians, Dentists and Pharmacists since 2012
Former Clinical Representative, CBHSSJB Board of Directors 2012 – 2019.

## Reasons for candidacy:

My knowledge and experience gained in my different roles over the years has enabled me to provide information and input into various files, such as the new hospital, Elders Home and status of clinical services. I have been particularly active in the new primary care model Miyupimaatsiiun Integrated Care Model (MICM) and revision of the organigrame, both being important foundations of health and social services given to our Cree patients, families and communities. I hope to continue this work advocating at the Board level, especially since there are upcoming important developments such as the new Elders Homes, new hospital and building our workforce to give much needed services and resources to Eeyou Itschee.

Social, community, volunteer involvement, etc.:

I am a community leader, often providing guidance and knowledge to various groups and activities, such as career fairs, residential school conference and health information through radio shows and interviews. I participate in community activities, such as supporting Mamoweedow, hockey and broomball tournaments, and those events hosted by the Cree Nation of Chisasibi.

## Other relevant information:

In the past several years, I have been focused on cultural safety and anti-Indigenous racism, both which I have gained expertise at the local, regional, provincial and national level. I collaborate with Indigenous physicians from across Canada and in Quebec to advance Indigenous health in the medical schools. I bring this work back to the CBHSSJB, sharing with my colleagues and other staff, to help improve services, such as through the new MICM. This facilitates front-line clinical services that are culturally safe, using an anti-racism approach that benefits Eeyou / Eenou and others living, working and visiting our Cree territory.

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