MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE

Department: Substance Use Disorders - F	our Winds Lodge	Policy Number: HHS-SUD-FW 4769
Policy Title: Severe Weather Alerts		
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POLICY STATEMENT: Four Winds Lodge will monitor for sever weather and have a process for responding to: tornado watch, tornado warning, thunderstorm and windstorm.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this policy is to ensure safety of the clients during inclement weather conditions.

PROCEDURES: Upon notification of severe weather, by radio, civil defense siren or local radio station, the Charge Nurse, will notify staff of the following instructions:

A. Tornado Watch - Prepare Now

- 1. The charge nurse will inform the staff that a TORNADO WATCH is in progress.
- 2. Staff:
 - a. The direct care employees on duty are to determine where the clients are and to recall them to the unit if necessary.
 - b. The staff will review the tornado plan and determine what steps are to be taken in the event of a Tornado Warning.
 - c. Know where you are to evacuate to if a Tornado Warning is announced. (Basement area)
 - d. Staff shall prepare for movement to evacuation areas by taking along
 - First Aid Kit
 - Flashlight
 - Portable AM/FM radio and Cell Phone

B. Tornado Warning- Act Now, Go to the basement!

- 1. The charge nurse will announce that a TORNADO WARNING is in progress. The charge nurse will assure everyone has taken cover.
- 2. Staff:
 - a. Assemble all clients and staff in the designated Tornado Shelter (Basement area).
 - b. Secure battery powered radios and flashlights to be used in the event of a power outage.
 - c. Keep calm and reassure the clients that precautions are being taken.
 - d. Roll call should be taken to account for all clients and staff.
 - e. ALL CLEAR. The all clear will be given by charge nurse via information provided by the National Weather Service.

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D. Thunderstorms

- 1. The National Weather Service will issue THUNDERSTORM ADVISORIES when conditions exist which can produce a severe thunder and lightning storm.
 - 2. The charge nurse will announce that a SEVERE THUNDERSTORM WARNING is in effect. The All CLEAR will be announced by the charge nurse when the warning has been canceled.
- **E. Windstorms** The National Weather Service announces the STRONG WIND WARNING when they expect straight-line winds in excess of 75 miles per hour.
 - 1. The charge nurse will announce that a STRONG WIND WARNING is in progress. The all clear will be announced when the warning has been canceled.
 - 2. The staff should respond in the same manner as for a Tornado Warning. Be sure all the clients are inside away from doors and windows.

Internal and/or External References	
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