



Hay River Health & Social Services Authority | Administration des services de santé et des services sociaux de Hay River
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Summary & Expectations of a Public health Nurse outreach:

As a result of our overdose crisis in Hay River and the rise in toxic drug poisonings from 2016 to present, our Public Health Nurses have a critical role in reducing the risk of overdose by supporting people who use substances and people with substance use disorders by connecting them with a referral center, including treatment and the care they need.

The expectations of a Public Health Outreach Nurse would include the Hay River Health & Social Service Authority Public Health Nurse Job description and the following specific to our drug poisoning:

- Apply nursing standards to clinical situations to ensure ethical practice.
- Create a PHN outreach group and develop a meeting invitation with partners within the health authority to assist with implementation.
- Complete community engagement activities and develop a support group to be held within Hay River/ Kat'lodeechee First Nation regularly for the month of March.
- The engagement would require a collaborative approach with the Community partners to build a solid support group for people including those in pregnancy that are living with substance use and disorders.
- Would be expected to host information and education sessions for public library, schools, businesses and community organizations on substance use and disorders.
- Have an understanding of screening, diagnosis, brief intervention and referral to treatment for substance use and addiction in clinical practice
- Able to identify the appropriate pharmacological and psychosocial treatment interventions based on the client's needs, CPI guidelines.
- Provide treatment induction, maintenance and discontinuation process across the continuum of care for substance use and addiction.
- Review goals, monitor and evaluate progress and provide patient centered support.
- Provide informed referrals, understand the substance use disorders and diversity of care for people who use substances and people with substance use disorders.
- Promote recovery, safety and harm reduction strategies to improve patient care and support.
- Encourage safer prescribing practices for medication with addiction/diversion potential.
- Build relationships and partnerships with those outside the health authority: RCMP, Hay River Shelter staff, Soup kitchen, elderly population, Youth groups, Soaring Eagle Friendship Center, Town of Hay River, Justice and schools.

Compensation: \$92,976 to \$111,072 per year (\$47.68 to \$56.96 per hour)

Hours of work: Monday – Friday 37.5 hours per week

Term duration: minimum three week visit

(rotational schedule available - require assistance until June 30, 2023)

HRHSSA provides: flights, accommodation and NWT nursing license fee (www.rnantnu.ca)

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