



Pandemic Coordinator for Those Homeless Precariously Housed – 6 month Full-time Contract

COVID has highlighted the need for dedicated leadership and coordination of services and resources to ensure nimble and responsible supports for those living in vulnerable conditions. Building on the success of the coordination efforts to date, a dedicated full-time role has been created that aims to build capacity by aligning local partner agencies and governments to respond to the needs of those who are homeless and precariously housed. This full time 6-month contract position will be employed by Sanguen Health Centre and work in close partnership with Public Health and Housing Services at the Region of Waterloo, KW4 Ontario Health Team and local agencies that serve those who are homeless and precariously housed.

System Leadership Experience, Skills and Motivations

- Demonstrated middle to senior leadership within health and social agencies
- Undergraduate degree preferred
- Demonstrated experience working with people who use drugs and are resilient, living in vulnerable conditions e.g. experiencing homelessness and agencies that support individuals living in vulnerable conditions.
- Strong understanding of pandemic planning within the context of local partnerships with the region of Waterloo Public Health, Housing, Ontario Health Teams, Ontario Health and local grassroots agencies that serve those who are homeless, precariously housed
- Building of strong relationships between partnering organizations to build capacity
- core communication (verbal and written), organization and time management skills
- Demonstrated ability in conflict management, interpersonal relations, and counselling skills
- Knowledge of the community and issues affecting the community, including services and resources available for clients
- Understanding of anti-oppression principles and ability to work effectively with people of various cultural, age and economic backgrounds
- Ability to work collaboratively within and across direct service delivery teams

Pandemic System Coordination

- Leading regular system level pandemic tactical response and table top scenario planning exercises bringing partners together to do scenario planning as needed and sending out communications - shelters, congregate settings, supportive housing, health organizations that support those who are homeless
- Lead to trigger IMS responses for homeless precariously housed and to be a link for the IMS team for this priority population
- [planning vaccination](#) and facilitation of testing needs in partnership with Public Health
- Collaborating with shelters/drop ins routinely about status of covid, working with ICHA clinical and outreach teams arrange for medical support for those symptomatic (team would do the



actual assessment and medical but to collaborate and ensure folks are getting what they need medically).

- Direct link to the teams that carry the #503 clinical/medical number to the ICHA clinical team that shelters and congregate settings call for medical support determining if people require isolation
- Work directly with the region shelter leads and lead shelter organization to ensure isolation space that is supported for patrons

SANGUEN HEALTH CENTRE

Sanguen Health Centre focus on supports for the homeless and using drugs. It is a not-for-profit community-based health care agency with a mission to meet the needs of individuals living with or at risk for Hepatitis C. Through the provision of education, outreach, support, and comprehensive expert medical care, they are able to accomplish a person-centred practice of care. As an organization we specialize in many areas of support (e.g. mobile community health van, laboratory services, peer support groups, hepatitis testing etc..) for people living in at-risk communities and help in minimizing the potential impact in the future. Sanguen is a member of the Inner City Health Alliance – a group of agencies that serve those who are homeless, precariously housed and the KW4 Ontario Health Team.

Please submit your resume to Michelle Steingart at Sanguen Health Centre at msteingart@sanguen.com. Applications will be accepted from January 4 through to January 12th.