

Introducing “The Health Bus” A Saskatoon Mobile Primary Health Centre ... An Agency Factsheet

VISION

Creation of a Mobile Primary Health Centre as a venue to generate health equity and close the disparity gap of those who are geographically, socially, economically and/or culturally isolated.

PURPOSE

To provide high quality primary health care to the public in the communities of Saskatoon.

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- The Health Bus is an inter-professional Mobile Primary Health Centre based on partnerships with M.D. Ambulance, CUMFI, First Nations agencies, Saskatoon Health Region (SHR) and the Ministry of Health.
- Mobile Primary Health Care delivery aligns with SHR's Strategic Plan 2007 – 2010, the 2004 SHR Health Status Report and the “Health Disparity by Neighbourhood Income” publication (Canadian Journal of Public Health, 2006).
- The Emergency Medical Services Chiefs of Canada (EMSCC) developed the White Paper which endorses “The future of EMS in Canada is providing mobile primary health care as defined by the needs of each community”.
<http://2008.emscc.gov.bc.ca/downloads/whitePaper.pdf>
- The Health Bus is innovative and a complementary community treatment venue for those in need of resources closer to home. The Bus will support many populations, including First Nations, Metis, children, the elderly, immigrants, refugees and those with chronic diseases.

WHO ARE WE?

- Team of healthcare professionals with a focus on community care to include a paramedic and nurse practitioner.
 - Establish links with social agencies and programs
 - Ability to work with citizens and communities to reach the optimal level of wellness.
 - Ability to work in a strength-based model with community members
 - Committed to maintaining and promoting health, wellness and injury prevention
 - Ability to serve as an advocate, facilitator, liaison and resource coordinator.
 - Able to identify challenges that may interfere with the development of a better, more integrated health care system.

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Health Promotion
- Education
- Treatment
- Follow-up Care
- Referral

PILLARS OF PRIMARY HEALTH

- Working in Teams
- Providing Information
- Enhancing Access
- Supporting Healthy Living
- Community Consultation and Participation

For more information visit the primary health website: www.primaryhealthcare.ca