

REACH Niagara Provider Meeting Minutes

Feb. 28, 2022

We had our first successful consult in a shelter - at Booth Centre - Dr. Lorraine Jensen, General Internal Medicine.

I'd like to remind everyone about the phone Interpreter service - it's quick to access, and provides very effective medical interpretation. Instructions for access are in the REACH Contacts and Resources document near the end. Note the instructions include an access code, a department, and a name - Dr. Stobbe. I checked with the Region and this is really what you're supposed to say! <https://docs.google.com/document/d/18lnwyHxkXe0DaxGrL2ApEJG6R3aizfIZ/edit?usp=sharing&oid=113830953747059194071&rtpof=true&sd=true>

I'd like to propose an in-person team meeting in May. The purpose will be to meet informally, discuss the business of REACH, and Continuing Education. Our Shelter Health colleagues in Hamilton have been having meetings such as this every 6 months and it seems to be working. Possible topics for our first meeting:

1. A day in the life of a homeless person
2. How drug users prepare and inject (or smoke) their substances
3. Addictions, trauma etc.
4. how to teach med students

The consensus today was to focus on the first 2 of these topics at the May meeting. Please let me know your thoughts about having an in-person meeting, and preferences as to topic.

Nearly all of our homeless patients have suffered trauma. There are multiple resources about trauma. If anyone is interested: Greg has a good video, I have a book book. Please let me know if you're interested in either and I'll see what we can do.

Finally - our meetings. Once again I generated confusion about meeting dates. The suggestion today was to meet on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month. With that in mind, our next meetings will be:

Mar 14 at 4pm

Mar 28 at 4pm

Apr 11 at 4pm

Apr 25 at 4pm etc.