

REACH Niagara Provider Meeting Minutes

April 25, 2022

1. We discussed ideas for how volunteers could help us at REACH volunteers.
 - fall flu shots
 - keep on top of supplies and equipment
 - If you have additional thoughts please send them to Karl.

1. rapid COVID antigen tests are now at Southridge, the mobile clinic, Salvation Army and YWCA. Please let me know if you run out. We're being encouraged to prescribe Paxlovid treatment by our Associate Medical Officer of Health. Dr. Karim Ali will join us at our next team meeting to tell us how he does it - has lots of experience.

1. We looked at REACH data so far - and considered what kind of data do we want to extract? So far we have info about volume at each site, what kind of service for each patient, and collaboration with shelter staff and others. No consensus.

1. we discussed locations for the mobile clinic. Ozanam timing doesn't match when people go there.: could we locate the MHC at the Safe Injection Site a half-day a week? Perhaps instead of Ozanam? Karl will initiate discussions.

1. from Janice:

- When a Doctor/NP requests that I fax a referral letter we asked Janice to routinely include the Profile. If any other notes need to be attached, please be clear on which ones.

- When adding a new client/patient please add the shelter and city where the client resides, so Janice can determine where to send req's etc. If they have no phone, a worker or contact would be helpful.

- NHS Adult mental health & addictions have refused a few referrals. They will only accept the form (revised 2021). Janice is asking an IT person to remove all other NHS mental health forms.

Next meeting May 9 at 4pm. At 430 we'll be joined by a guest: Dr. Karim Ali talking about how/when to prescribe paxlovid.