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Mental Health & Addictions Nurse (Sioux Lookout) One (1) Year Contract with Benefits

Keewaytinook Okimakanak Board of Education (KOBÉ) is seeking one (1) full-time Mental Health & Addictions Nurse based in Sioux Lookout. This position is available immediately and possible renewal.

As per Recommendation #114 of the Seven Youth Inquest (June 28, 2016), there has been “an identified need for an alternative detoxification facility in the City of Thunder Bay that would provide the proper supports and supervision for any youth who may be struggling with alcohol/substance misuse.” KOBÉ has established a Safe Sober Site in the City of Thunder Bay since 2018, and KOBÉ is expanding this service by implementing a program-wide approach to support our students in the Sioux Lookout area (Sioux Lookout, Pelican Falls Centre). The KOBÉ Safe Sober Site in Sioux Lookout will be available 24/7 for our students, aged 13-21 years of age, that need a safe and supervised detoxification and stabilization. KOBÉ will work in co-operation with local service providers to provide a quick response to meet the needs of our students.

The Mental Health & Addictions Nurse will work under the direction of the KOBÉ Inquest Manager, and the KOBÉ Director of Education in the implementation and delivery of services for youth who are in the KOBÉ Student Services Program. The Mental Health & Addictions Nurse (MHAN) will provide essential health related advice, assist in health care system planning, develop individual care plans in collaboration with KOBÉ staff, community organizations and community health partners, and provide mental health and addiction supports to our students at the KOBÉ Safe Sober Site.

The Mental Health & Addictions Nurse will provide overall addiction and mental health support to both KOBÉ Safe Sober Sites - Sioux Lookout & Thunder Bay, and will assist in providing a continuity of care for students whether they are at home, in a KO First Nation, or while at school.

The following are the requirements for this position:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree or equivalent
- Previous experience in addiction treatment and/or similar field
- A member in good standing with the College of Nurses in Ontario
- Completes yearly CNO Quality Assurance Certification
- Current First Aid and CPR Certification
- Knowledge of Harm Reduction principles
- Knowledge of First Nation education and health delivery models
- Ability to speak one of the KO dialects is an asset; Cree, Oji-Cree, Ojibwe
- Valid Class G Driver's License and ability to travel
- Must be willing to provide a Vulnerable Persons Criminal Background Check



- Ability to work independently and as a team
- Strong communication and computer skills

Duties will include, but may not be limited to:

The Mental Health & Addictions Nurse (MHAN) will take direction from the KOBE Inquest Manager and the KOBE Director of Education. Duties include:

- Assist KOBE Staff in recognizing and responding to student mental health and addiction issues;
- Provide services and support to students with mild to complex mental health and substance abuse issues;
- Provide support or intervention for issues such as self-harm or treatment refusal;
- Play a key role in helping students accessing health and/or addiction related services;
- Develop individual care plans, in collaboration with internal staff, programs and other professionals;
- Assist in developing strategies to address mental health and addiction needs;
- Implement the delivery of all services as identified in the KOBE Safe Sober Site Policies & Protocols;
- Attend all intakes, assisting Safe Sober Site staff in the initial assessment, and providing direction as related to client care;
- Ensure timely reporting and development of materials required to carry out services;
- Track and record service gaps and successes to better enhance and support the initiative;
- Travel to the Keewaytinook Okimakanak communities: Deer Lake, Fort Severn, Keewaywin, McDowell Lake, North Spirit Lake and Poplar Hill First Nations;
- Other related duties as set by the Keewaytinook Okimakanak Board of Education and KOBE Management.

Salary will be based on a combination of qualifications and experience.

Deadline: Open until position filled.

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