

## Addiction Treatment and Recovery Services

Report- November 2016

The Addiction Team continues to be busy. During the month of November 2016, we worked with community members serving their needs. We provided intake, assessment, counselling and referral service to those who needed these service. Of these individuals, we transported one community member to a facility in southwestern Alberta for addiction treatment. We also transported another individual to a treatment facility in Dryden, Ontario. We have also secured treatment beds for two other community members who will be transported to their respective programs in late December 2016 and early January 2017.

During the week of November 13-19 2016 the team worked on National Addiction Awareness Week. Rainy River First Nations hosted activities throughout this week that were specific to participation in alcohol and drug free activities. This week we worked cooperatively with the C.W.W., C.C.P. staff and the Recreation staff planning and delivering activities to children, youth, adults and elders. Activities ranged from having the Treaty 3 Drug Enforcement Squad in to provide a presentation on Illegal and Illicit Drugs, their dangers and prevention/awareness information to young people, an evening of family game night with supper and an evening where square dancing was provided to all who attended.

Also during the month of November our Community Health Nurse was able to secure the community its own Naloxone kits. These kits will arrive in the community shortly. Along with having these kits available within the community we also were able to access some on-line training for staff interested in the administration of Naloxone. Thus far we have 4 staff members who have completed this training and have a letter of completion stating that each scored above 80% and are prepared to utilize this medication (medication to reverse Opioid overdose) if needed in community. More staff will be added to this list once they view the training and complete the testing required to receive their completion letter. I have also been asked to work on a policy for Naloxone and Staff administration of this medicine. I will begin work on this once our Community Health Nurse returns to community and we can complete this together.

This concludes my report for the month of November 2016. If you have any questions, please give me a call or stop by my office.

Thanks

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