

Child and Youth Program

- Welcome to Dr. Kirsten Miller as the newly appointed Medical Lead of the Child and Youth Health Program.
- Implementation and adoption of Provincial Vital Signs Guideline and Pediatric Early Warning System at all Northern Health facilities
- Utilizing the results of the Child Health BC Medical Tiers of Service Northern Health self-assessment to inform pediatric service planning
- Partnering with the Ministry of Children and Family Development and communities to develop and implement children and youth mental health and/or substance use protocols
- Identification and implementation of care standards and resources for admitted patients with mental health concerns in acute care
- Partnering with the Public Health Department to execute components of the Child Health Action Plan; implement and evaluate an Early Childhood Development Clinical Practice Standard to enable physicians and primary care nurses to offer quality care and appropriate screening for children 2 months-6 years; review, develop, and improve utilization of resources to support early childhood development, parenting, and mental wellness
- For more information, please contact [Jennifer Begg](#).

Jennifer Begg



Dr. Kirsten Miller



April Price



Dr. Dick Raymond



Elder Program

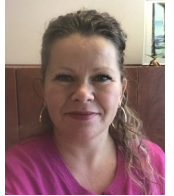
- Welcome to Dr. Dick Raymond who accepted the role of Medical Lead for the Elder Program effective April 15, 2018
- A small working group comprised of physicians and NH staff are meeting in June to develop implementation supports for the first 6 communities to implement the Regional Geriatric Specialized Services Model
- Representatives from all northern Divisions of Family Practice, First Nations Health Authority, Northern Health, specialists, UHNBC Physician Initiatives Committee, and UNBC are developing a Care in the Community Shared Care Proposal, focusing on alternative levels of care and challenges that occur across the north in terms of supports for seniors
- The home support services redesign work continues. Next steps will be to take the proposed design and begin the development and implementation phase of the initiative in consultation with our physician and community partners
- Long term care homes continue to strive towards achieving a social model of care to offer a home like environment in this care setting. Work includes DementiAbility and Gentle Persuasive Approach training.
- For further information, please contact [April Price](#) .



Mental Health and Substance Use Program

- Welcome to Dr. Barb Kane to the role of Medical Lead, Mental Health
- Dr. Prigmore, Medical Lead for Addictions and Harm Reduction, is providing education and training at workshops, and providing consultation to primary care physicians on suboxone starts and maintenance
- Ongoing planning is occurring for recruiting HSDA Medical Leads for Addiction Medicine
- The HSDA Medical Leads for Addiction Medicine will work in collaboration with the administrative lead in their HSDAs, other physician leaders, and professional staff to provide leadership and support to improve the addiction and harm reduction services in their HSDA
- Community Action Teams are in development to support identified communities of Prince George and Fort St. John to mobilize the Overdose Emergency Response
- Building on the important work of the Northern Shared Care Psychiatry Collaborative (NSCPC), the NSCPC and the Mental Health and Substance Use Business Owner Working Group are co-developing an integrated, person and family centered mental health and substance use service model.
- For more information, please contact [Michelle Lawrence](#).

Michelle Lawrence



Dr. Gerrard Prigmore



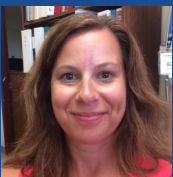
Dr. Barb Kane



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Perinatal Program

- The Perinatal Program Council re-launched in March 9, 2018 and is refreshing the priorities and goals for the program as well as seeking patient partners to join the Council
- Preliminary Council priorities include supporting normal physiological birth, supporting the Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI) 10 steps, perinatal depression screening and perinatal education
- The MOREOB Plus education platform re-launched at the end of January 2018 with site core teams setting their “Game Plans” for local quality improvement and patient safety initiatives. Several MOREOB workshops and activities have been implemented in sites across the region over the last few months
- Perinatal Services BC (PSBC) Perinatal Tiers of Service Self-Assessment reports have been distributed from Perinatal Services BC to inform service planning and networking. Ongoing work with sites is occurring to clarify and validate the information and designations
- Ongoing work between the Perinatal Program, Surgical Program and Medical Directors to plan and support the Rural Surgical and Obstetrical Networks (RSON) across the north
- Completing final preparations for the Accreditation Canada Obstetrics Standards review across the designated sites in the north
- For further information, please contact [Vanessa Salmons](#)



Dr. Bill Kingston



Primary and Community Care Program

- Two resource nurse practitioners have been hired to support NP policy and practice development
- Supporting the development of a joint EMR implementation plan that includes the new release of MOIS 2.22 in July 2018 and the decommissioning of Synapse and preparing communities to move to CMOIS
- A key priority area of the PCC BOWG includes working closely with the Divisions of Family Practice to identify a clear service design process that ensures primary care provider and clinician participation
- The PCC BOWG objective in this work is to define the high level processes of priority primary and community care service areas that can be used to inform and support local team planning and implementation.
- The Primary and Community Care (PCC) Business Owner Working Group (BOWG) is developing a work plan and working groups to carry out the assigned activities
- For further information, please contact [Pam Mulroy](#) or [Helen Bourque](#).

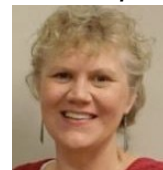
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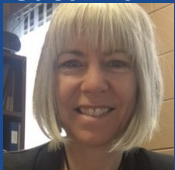
Sheila Gordon-Payne Professional Practice



Cathy Czechmeister



Susanne Watson



- Sheila Gordon-Payne and Cathy Czechmeister provide regional leadership for professional practice of nurses, and Susanne Watson for allied health professions. The team provides consultation services to advise and support leaders/managers and staff about the professional scope and practice of health care professionals on an ongoing basis
- Professional Practice supports scope of practice adjustments when required; current work includes the initial management of anaphylaxis by nurses and advances in the role of nurses in the management of wounds
- The team is currently involved in ensuring nursing standards are shared and met regarding medicinal cannabis and the legalization of recreational cannabis
- NH has partnered with the provincial CAYA (Communication Assistance for Youth and Adults) program to build a Speech Language Pathologist (SLP) and SLP assistant team to provide regional therapeutic support and augmentative/alternative communication technologies (AACs) to individuals with severe communication disabilities due to diagnoses such as ALS, MS, Parkinson's, ABI's and cancers of the brain, head, neck and other degenerative conditions. For more information please visit <http://www.cayabc.org/>
- The NH Person and Family Centred Care Strategy Steering Group has recently shared an Expression of Interest to recruit 2 NH physicians to join this group and contribute the physician perspective
- For further information, please contact [Professional Practice](#)