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The Nurse Practitioner project

Since 2008 the Victoria Health Co-operative (VHC) has worked with community partners to deliver and support medical and wellness programs. Thanks to the remarkable work of Grey Showler of Cool Aid, we now have salary funding to add a Nurse Practitioner (NP) to our Wellness and Health team to provide Primary Health Care services. We plan to do so in partnership with the Cook St Village Activity Centre, Centennial United Church, My Place (part of Our Place) and to ensure that the best possible services are delivered in the most cost effective and community-focused manner possible. We are particularly grateful to Carol Turnbull of the CSVAC and Rev Alanna Menu of Centennial United Church for their leadership in developing the application to the United Church's ProVision fund for exam room furniture, equipment, supplies and support services including Medical Office Equipment and Electronic Medical Records. This was submitted on February 6th.

The position listing has been submitted to the BC Nurses and Nurse Practitioner association and we have already received expressions of interest. The position description includes helping us to organize the schedule and acquire resources, and then to start the work of seeing potential patients and providing services.

We are currently developing a list of potential patients. The final list will be determined by the NP.

NP Services: the Scope of Practice of a Nurse Practitioner is very similar to that of a Family Physician. Information is available on the Ministry of Health website.

https://www.bccnp.ca/Standards/RN_NP/StandardResources/NP_ScopeofPractice.pdf

A full-time NP has a roster of over 500 patients.

We hope also that the NP, in addition to her medical work, will support the VHC's ongoing wellness education and support activities.

It would contravene the Canada Health Act if we were to require membership in the Victoria Health Co-op as a condition of access to the Nurse Practitioner services. HOWEVER we will encourage all patients to join the VHC and have a voice!