

Renal Health: Point of Care Testing in Rural and Indigenous Communities

Health Care Excellence Canada: Strengthening Primary Care in Northern, Rural and Remote Communities Grant



Why this demonstration project?







- Community Connections
- Partnerships







Screening Process:

- Consent form
- Demographics
- Physical measurements
- Finger prick or blood draw
- Urine sample
- CanSolve App
- Personal information about kidney health
- Educational materials provided
- Schedule follow-up or referrals, if required
- Client experience questionnaire





Community Summary

- 4 First Nation communities
 - o Ebb & Flow
 - o O-Chi-Chak-ko-Sipi
 - Keeseekoowenin
 - Skownan
- 1 Metis community
 - Waterhen

June – September 2024

Total = 142 tests completed

Demographics

- First Nation: 111
- Metis: 12
- Non-Indigenous: 18
- Unidentified: 1

Results

- No Risk: 81
- Low Risk: 53
- Intermediate Risk: 4
- Indeterminate: 4



Challenges

- Equipment
- Time



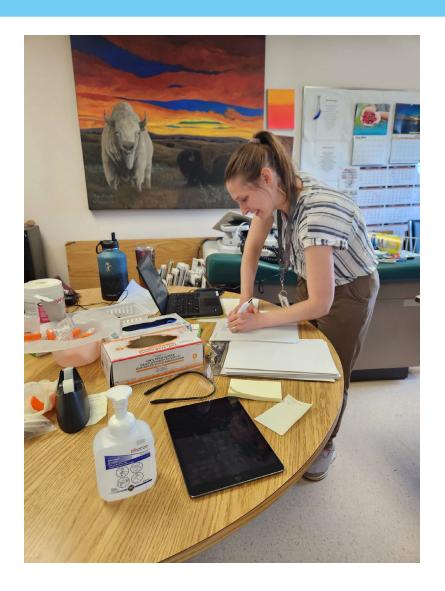




"People need to see they have hope to turn thing around and the ability within themselves to turn things around - and she exemplified that in a powerful way"







- Community Commitment
- Continued Partnerships
 - Internal to PMH
 - External with community
- Sustainable funding