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Nurses offer weekly Home Care Clinic

WHITEHORSE—Health and Social Services is partnering with the Kwanlin Dün First Nation and the Salvation Army to offer a weekly outreach clinic at the Salvation Army Chapel, starting August 10.

"This clinic is part of our effort to increase home care services and promote better health for Yukoners who do not have a fixed address," Health and Social Services Minister Glenn Hart said. "It's part of our commitment to increasing social inclusion and improving the health and wellness of all Yukoners."

The Home Care Clinic will run from 9 a.m. to noon every Wednesday and will serve those who are homeless or otherwise marginalized. Two registered nurses from the government's Home Care Program and the Kwanlin Dün First Nation will be on hand to provide health care services to anyone not in a position to receive home care in their own home.

"We have been looking for a way to help improve the health of this underserved population," Kwanlin Dün First Nation Councillor for Health Alicia Vance said. "We are excited and pleased at the opportunity to partner with Health and Social Services and the Salvation Army to offer this service."

The departure of several special licence physicians and the closure of several walk-in clinics have left an increased number of individuals, particularly marginalized individuals, without access to health care services except for those offered through the Emergency Department. The Home Care Clinic will offer wound care, foot care, immunizations, referrals and health promotion, as well as illness prevention and harm reduction education.

"This is a natural extension of our services," Salvation Army Captain Jeff Howard said. "We provide shelter to many of the city's disadvantaged and see their need for medical attention. This will make it easy for our clients to receive the medical help they need."

Last week, Health and Social Services announced it is seeking assistance from the Yukon Medical Association to establish a community clinic in downtown Whitehorse.

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