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Three territorial mental health programs extended

WHITEHORSE—Yukon Health and Social Services Minister Glenn Hart today announced the continued funding of three mental health programs previously funded under the Territorial Health Access Fund.

"The department has been able to identify funding to continue these very important mental health programs. This will enable the department to continue to provide these services. Officials are now in the process of notifying staff and clients of the continuation," Hart said.

Territorial Health Access Funding had been used to support rural mental health, early psychosis intervention and complex client care. These three pilot projects were funded only until March 31, 2011.

Late last fall it was required that the Department of Health and Social Services advise clients and other health professionals of the changes that might be coming if funding could not be found.

"I am very happy that my officials were able to identify the funding required to continue these programs," Hart added. "We recognize that community services and individual supports can make a tremendous difference in the lives of these clients."

Funding for the three programs is just over \$700,000.

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