

# Algoma

## *Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic*

### Monthly Leadership Team Board Report – February 2023

#### **The Pulse**

Activities now slightly surpass pre-pandemic levels. In clinic traffic continues to increase. Masking remains mandatory in clinic. Team morale remains good.

#### **Clinic Activities:**

During the months of January

Phone appointments: 15%

In clinic appointments: 85%

#### **Human Resources**

Kim Greenwood: contractor NP1 working (3.5 hours once a week until March 2023)

Natalie Ethier: Contractor NP2 working (1/2 day per week until March 2023)

- 3 students (1 from SC, 1 from Laurentian University and 1 from Saskatchewan University)
- Update: Returning NPs are gradually adapting to new workflow
- Recruitment for RN vacancy will start in March 2023. The accrued funds resulting from this vacancy continue to be used to increase access to episodic appointments.
- Potential collaboration with AFS. They currently have funding for a 0.5 FTE NP for their new youth hub. They are hoping to purchase the services of an NP from us. The collaboration is still in the planning stage.
- Pilot to be started regarding access to episodic slots (15 min appointments for a list of simple conditions)

#### **Dashboard**

- Number of visits decreased slightly in November to 656.
- Total patient panel: 2838. New target is 3200 by April 2024.
- Otherwise, uneventful month

#### **Capital Expansion:**

- Potential funding increase possible across primary care to address inflationary pressures.
- EMBARGOED update regarding request for increased base funding.

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### **OHT:**

- Candidate for Primary care Tri-chair is being reviewed
- SFHT held their 1<sup>st</sup> cervical cancer screening 65 pts screened
- CQIP work is ongoing. Submission is March 31 2023
- Frailty identification pilot was launched at the beginning of the month. 1 contractor RN hired (funded by OHT).

### **MOH Announcements**

- MHA funding is confirmed and funding should be on its way soon. 84,000\$ to be spent before March 31<sup>st</sup> 2023
- Ontario health is now taking over Primary care models ( FHTs, NPLCs, AHACs, CHCs).
- In its update on Primary Care, the Minister of Health spoke about the NPLCs:

### **Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinics Deliver Timely Care**

Thousands of patients in communities across the province are connecting to health care quickly and closer to home through new clinics led by nurse practitioners.

Twenty-five of these clinics are now supporting nearly 80,000 people who have previously had challenges getting the family health care they need. In many cases, people are able to book same-day or next day appointments.

The Ontario government invests nearly \$46 million annually to fund these clinics. All nurse-practitioner-led clinics are funded for a lead nurse practitioner, a collaborating physician and a team of interdisciplinary providers such as nurse practitioners, registered nurses, social workers, registered dietitians, pharmacists, and health educators.

Ontario is the first jurisdiction that has adopted this model to make primary care more accessible and is exploring ways to bring this innovative way of delivering care to more people.

See full report in package: [Your Health A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care](#)

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### Clinic insurance coverage:

Market review completed. Based on analysis, our current package surpasses what is offered by other companies (ex: coverage for board of directors, cybersecurity). Therefore, it was determined that a change, at this time would not be beneficial. Northern insurance brokers will continue to provide insurance for our organization.

QIP: no updates

### Dashboard:

Initiatives/actionable items	Status
Ottawa model implementation (tobacco cessation)	<b>On hold until RN is hired</b>
Digital health initiative implementation	Implementation of e-referrals- <b>COMPLETED</b> Funding secured through OH to cover cost for next 2 years.- <b>COMPLETED</b> Online appointment booking launch at the end of February 2023
Online scheduling being explored	Ongoing Funding secured through OH to cover cost for next 2 years.- <b>COMPLETED</b>
Website updates	ongoing, portal revamp ( <b>COMPLETED</b> ) on track
Participation in CQIP	<b>Ongoing</b>
Total patient panel 3200 by end of April 2024	February 2023 target: <b>Completed</b> April 2024:
Strategic Plan: COMMITTEE REVIEW,	Work on going
Women's health business proposal	- Committee will meet in February 2023
Community women's health appointments (goal 1 clinic per week)	- To date 1/month confirmed. DISCONTINUED
Explore in-clinic phlebotomy (discussions with lifelabs)	<b>COMPLETED</b>

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Annual Operating plan due date: submission to MOH (May 2023)	<b>upcoming</b>
Patient advisory committee	Implementation deadline 09/2023
Education programs	Chronic pain management- <b>November 2<sup>nd</sup>. - COMPLETED</b> Depression-anxiety – tentative 06/2023. Weight management- on hold
OHT Frailty identification	Pilot ongoing (contractor RN funded by OHT)
QIP submission by March 31 <sup>st</sup> 2023	