

Kitikmeot region Health & Social Services mental health staff

regional mh/ad specialist

There is a Regional Mental Health / Alcohol and Drugs Specialist located in Cambridge Bay.

COMMUNITY Mental Health Worker

There is a Community Mental Health Worker in the communities of Kugluktuk, Gjoa Haven and Taloyoak. These full-time/permanent positions are relatively new to the Kitikmeot Health & Social Services Mental Health Program.

The Community Mental Health Worker (CMHW) reports directly to the Supervisor of Social Programs and to the Regional Mental Health & Addictions Specialist. The CMHW is responsible for developing, implementing and evaluating community mental health programs that are community based and community driven. The position provides direct mental health counseling to the residents of the community in addition to providing psychiatric consultation to their professional counterparts (Community Social Workers, Community Health Nurses, and other support staff) in the areas of psychiatric case management and treatment planning.

The position is also responsible for providing direct counseling in the areas of mental health issues, such as psychiatric illness, family issues, domestic violence, childhood abuse (sexual), and survivors of incest, sexual assault, and crisis intervention.

The Community Mental Health Worker will also be providing a psycho-educational role in the community, working with the community residents, agencies and services in bringing a knowledge and awareness to psychiatric illnesses and psychiatric medication management. This is as crucial a role as the direct counseling services and is supported and reinforced at the regional level.

The Community Mental Health Worker will also be a link and liaison between Stanton Regional Hospital's psychiatric unit, as it pertains to clients from their working community. These are clients who are being actively treated on the psychiatric ward, under the care of the attending psychiatrist and thus later discharged back to their homes and families in the communities.

The Community Mental Health Worker is a crucial part of the Kitikmeot Health & Social Services team both in the eyes of the community and the mental health consumer.