

Shining Mountains Living Community Services

Title: DRUM 2 Métis Community Coordinator

Status: Part-Time 20 hours/week

Deadline: Please submit cover letter and resume or CV by: August 18, 2018

Overview:

DRUM 2 will provide an opportunity for First Nation and Métis communities in Alberta to collaborate with and support each other as they work to provide improved HIV, Hep C and other STBBI prevention and care services within a shared care model approach. Under the guidance of an Elders Council and with the support of Community Research Assistants from the DRUM 1 project, we will study how programs are developed, adapted, implemented, and whether they meet their implementation goals (e.g. Do they reach who they are supposed to? Are they delivered in the way that was planned? Do they continue?). DRUM 2 also provides the opportunity to learn by comparing different community approaches for shared care, including communities who follow the DRUM process, and also other communities who have developed their own shared care models. Working together, we will develop online “toolkits” for Indigenous communities to enable them to develop or enhance and assess their provision of STBBI services using a shared care model. We have received approval for five years of funding from CIHR through an HIV Implementation Science Component 2 (Implementation) grant to do this work. The grant will run from January 2018 to December 2022.

DRUM is a partnership between the Canadian Aboriginal AIDS Network (CAAN), First Nations Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB), the Mental Health Commission of Canada, participating communities that include Sucker Creek First Nation, Driftpile Cree Nation, Tallcree First Nation, Stoney Nation, Blood Tribe and the Métis Nation of Alberta through Shining Mountains Living Community Services, people with lived experience, Elders, clinicians, researchers, and service providers. The research is administered by the University of Victoria.

Responsibilities: The DRUM 2 Métis Coordinator will report directly to the Executive Director, Raye St. Denys. The overall project guidance will come from the DRUM 2 Coordinator, Carrielynn Lund.

The DRUM 2 Métis Community Coordinator will be responsible for:

- Building and maintaining relationships with partnering MNA regions/communities
- Building and maintaining partnerships with Alberta Health Services, specifically with the Partner Notification Nurses and Primary Care Networks.
- Assisting with capacity building opportunities in the regions/communities
- Supporting the implementation assessment and evaluation of DRUM activities
- Engaging in DRUM 2-related communication between Shining Mountains living community services and the MNA regions/communities
- Writing regular reports

This DRUM 2 Métis Coordinator position is designated for a candidate who identifies as Métis, with preference given to a Métis person living with HIV/Hep C.

Qualifications

- Proven experience in and knowledge of conducting health-related coordination in Métis communities
- A university degree is an asset, but not required.
- Applicants can have a combination of life experience, as well as coordinator experience
- Knowledge of Métis Culture

Skills

- Excellent writing skills
- Excellent communication and computer skills (MS Office, email)
- Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills
- Self-directed with an ability to work in a collaborative team environment
- Knowledge of the Indigenous HIV/AIDS epidemic, Hepatitis C and STBBI high rates in Canada and related social and health concerns
- Experience and/or knowledge of HIV/AIDS, Hep C, STBBI research, prevention, care, treatment, and support
- Knowledge of basic assessment and evaluation approaches
- Good problem-solving skills
- Ability to speak Michif and/or another Indigenous language of the Alberta First Nations is an asset

Abilities

- Perform public speaking at related conferences and meetings
- Ability to teach and provide community support
- Excellent verbal and written communication, including the ability to apply open-minded attitudes and communication towards all individuals
- Excellent relationship building and conflict resolution skills with an ability to interact and work effectively with community, political bodies, and service organizations
- Demonstrated ability to work as a team and independently
- Demonstrate an ability to learn and be self-directed
- Apply open-minded attitudes/respect toward individuals from varying walks of life (Injecting Drug Users, 2-Spirited people (Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender), Sex Trade Workers, Street-Involved people, etc.

Working Conditions

The Community Research Assistants will work in an office environment in Red Deer.

Applicants must be ready, willing, and able to travel evenings and weekends, as required.

Interested applicants should send a current resume/CV with a cover letter detailing their relevant educational and work skills and experiences for this position.

Please forward applications to the Executive Director no later than August 18th, 2018 to **Raye St. Denys** – rayestdenys@gmail.com