



Seabird Island
Health & Social Development

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Seabird Island Health

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Health Administration

- ❑ The health team hosted a health fair that included Fraser Health; FNHA; optometry; kinesiologist; early childhood; education; dental; employment; and much, much more. It was very successful with over 200 members coming through.
- ❑ Vaccine clinics are being booked.
- ❑ Beginning discussion with the health team regarding reducing our environmental footprints.
- ❑ Community events are starting to take place again with COVID restrictions being lifted. The health center will remain with masks at client's preference or if they are sick.
- ❑ COVID cases are unreportable now.
- ❑ The first Truth and Reconciliation dinner/honoring ceremony was held at the end of September. There was over 200 in attendance.



Doctors and Dental Offices

- Doctors are providing both in person, phone call appointments, and home visits where required.
- The nurse practitioner has a full caseload, and he has started his clinics in Chawathil.
- An average of 1,220 medical patients are seen each month with 800 in-person. Phone consults are still benefiting our elderly.
- The dental office has been in full function. An average of 12 new patients are added monthly.
- The dental clinic participated in the health fair this summer. They started their Cavity Prevention Program in the schools.
- The dental team has been focusing on “The Decolonization of Oral Health Care: Putting an End to the Culture of Shaming and Blaming.”



Health Support Services

- ❑ Income Assistance has a monthly average caseload of 104 files. A few close due to employment and a few open.
- ❑ Active files consist of 116 adults and 94 children.
- ❑ The traditional food bank has been busy due to back to school.
- ❑ No current donations have been made to the food bank. We've been dependent on ISC funding to cover this cost.
- ❑ Assisted with 2 funerals this quarter.
- ❑ 3 families have requested a bed with bedding.
- ❑ IA Department was able to give clothing allowance to the school aged clients and also a generous food hamper for back to school



Child & Family Services/Mental Health

- ❑ The family home currently has two families, and the other applicants are under review.
- ❑ The recovery home numbers have been increasing since the lift of COVID regulations. We currently have 1 Seabird client in the men's home.
- ❑ Justice program – support us provided by the Family Development Team for those on probation, legal aid and no go's to Seabird.
- ❑ The sexualized violence rapid response funding is complete. We have signed a contract with the Government of BC for a SAS program. This funding is smaller and we're awaiting this outreach position to be posted.
- ❑ The counselors have an active caseload of 110. They provide group sessions at the recovery homes.



Family Development Team

- ❑ The family development team had a very event filled summer.
- ❑ The Men's group had several outings: Canoe Pulling; Cheam Wetlands; Harrison for bbq and swimming; biking; Vancouver Whitecaps game
- ❑ The Women's group is starting to come together again. Sage picking was on their list of outings.
- ❑ The team has worked in partnership with MCFD, and the staff were able to take some families out to the waterslides. MCFD covered the costs.
- ❑ The staff have led spirit baths with the recovery home clients twice a week.
- ❑ A baby-sitting course was also provided to teens.
- ❑ The team supports clients residing on Seabird Island, but they do follow-up with a couple of our homeless members.
- ❑ A new Family Development Supervisor has been hired! Welcome Kirk Balfour.



Health Services

- ❑ Our maternal health provides services off-reserve and so their numbers have increased. They also hosted a baby welcoming ceremony.
- ❑ Nutrition – meals on wheels 47 members, twice a week, support for those with weight loss, provide education clinics for our school and community, they also provide the snacks for some of our community events.
- ❑ Mobile diabetes team – 9 communities visited, which includes Seabird.
- ❑ Due to the air quality from the fires, our team was able to hand out air purifiers on behalf of FNHA.



Child Protection Jurisdiction

- ② We are in year two of planning and researching. Working groups, meeting with Elders, MCFD, and MNP have continues.
- ② Bi-weekly meetings with MNP have continues with our new manager and our practicum student.
- ② SIMPWC team has met with our team, and they shared what they are doing for their community through jurisdiction.
- ② A vision strategy was held with MNP to help identify where we are going with this project.
- ② We have struggled with filling the vacant position for this team. Reviewing contractor vs employee is being explored.



