

Call for Steering Committee Members for the Transforming Health Care for the Homeless in Niagara Emergency Departments Pilot Project

Do you believe the poor health outcomes often experienced by marginalized communities are unfair and unjust? Do you want to guide healthcare transformation to better support our community's most vulnerable members? If so, we have the opportunity that you are looking for.

A pilot project that will enhance the services available in Emergency Departments for individuals who are homeless or under-housed will be established in Niagara this summer. This pilot project, led by the HEART Project, will leverage Peer Support Workers with lived experience of homelessness to provide wrap-around services in the Welland and Niagara Falls Emergency Departments. This includes providing support, advocacy, referrals and accompaniment informed by their shared experience. This pilot project aims to improve health outcomes, health care use, and the experience of receiving care in Niagara Emergency Departments for people experiencing homelessness. Additionally, the pilot project aims to demonstrate the effectiveness of this model and generate evidence-based, best practice guidelines for the implementation of Peer Support Workers in the Emergency Department.

Call to Action:

We are seeking up to 12 members by April 2019. Efforts will be made to have representation from a wide range of service sectors and stakeholders across Niagara, including people with lived experience.

The Steering Committee will meet monthly for 24 months or as appropriate. Additional meetings may be required at various stages of the pilot project. Additional meetings for subcommittees may also be required.

Please express interest by contacting info@wipeoutpoverty.ca by March 25th, 2019.

In this correspondence, please address the following criteria (200 words or less for each item):

- Your experience working collaboratively with people with lived experience of homelessness.
- Your experience with leading or providing guidance on a project through planning, implementation and evaluation stages.
- Your ability to commit to attending and actively participating in monthly meetings.