

Tanis Carson

Harm Reduction Outreach

Grand Forks B.C.

ANKORS YEAR END REPORT

October 7th, 2022 – March 31st, 2022

My employment as a harm reduction support worker with ANKORS began on October 7th, 2022. I began at 10 hours per week and was increased to 28 hours a week. I don't recall the date my hours increased.

Since the start date of my employment, I have had 95, one to one consult with Indigenous folks (this is inclusive of a total of approx 10 indigenous people). I have had 73, one to one consult with non indigenous folks (approx. 15 folks). There are always are large ratio of Indigenous folks in attendance at our REDUN/HOPE meetings.

I work with Alex to deliver the H.O.P.E meetings in Grand Forks every second Thursday of the month. On the first and 3rd Tuesday of every month, I assist with Amelia with ANKORS drug checking clinics by collecting samples, driving folks to and from the clinics and dropping the samples back off. Often times I will do one to 1 consult on these days.

I have made 3 residential treatment referrals and 2 detox referrals since October 2022, and have driven 3 indigenous folks to Trail for dental surgery.

I support folks with PWD applications, ministry services applications and securing supplement grants for nutritional needs, housing crisis's, advocacy with doctor's appointments, advocacy with the stay safe shelter, crisis grants for food and hotel rooms, rides to appointments and food bank, outreach services to deliver harm reduction supplies and to pick up OAT prescriptions.

One of my biggest challenges in delivering services is Grand Forks, is not having an office.

Some of our success's are; building a strong relationship/allies with 2 of the Councillor's on City Council, seeing attendance numbers increase at our HOPE meetings, becoming allies within the Gospel Chapel and witnessing the trust develop between our peers and members of the Church.

The biggest accomplishment of all has been the opportunity to partner with the Doukhorbor community on our upcoming "Compassion in Action" conference. This conference will offer us

an amazing opportunity to offer education around the opioid crisis and trauma as well as help to reduce stigma in our community.

All My Relations,

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