# RURAL AND REMOTE COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE

JEAN CARRIERE

**DIRECTOR AND CHIEF CDEMS** 

#### RURAL AND REMOTE NORTHERN ONTARIO









#### COCHRANE DISTRICT – POPULATION 79,700

141, 268 sq.KM or 54,544 sq.mi - New York State is 141,300 sq.Km or Florida State is 170,314 sq.KM

#### COCHRANE DISTRICT EMS

- Over 100 PCP (ICP) (in 14 Communities)
- Services that include; Tactical Medics, Community Paramedics, Emergency Response, CBRNE, Search and Rescue, Pandemic Response.
- Area is large, underserviced, several remote first nations and rural communities. There are 8 hospitals within the District with a regional hospital in Timmins.
- Emergency Call volume is 9800/year, 68% urgent or life threatening
- Five Communities are only accessible by plane, rail, or winter road. There is no road access during the summer months.
   Serviced By WAHA Paramedic Service.



#### CP MEDICS IN COCHRANE DISTRICT

- CP division is comprised of a Commander, 6 full-time paramedics and 6 part-time paramedics
- All of the Paramedics within the district have basic CP training
- CP medics are provided additional 150 hours of training
- In the process of training 8 additional Emergency Response Paramedics ( new station requirement)
- Training all District Paramedics to the same level (in development)

### COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE COCHRANE DISTRICT

- Paramedic and Primary Care Referrals
- Ultrasound, 12 lead, IV, Point of care testing, Phlebotomy, pain management, 6 additional med (vitamin B12)
- Condition being treated; CHF, COPD, Diabetes, Palliative Care, Pain Management, Hospital Discharge (cardiac and surgical follow up), New born, Pre-Admission, Covid Response/testing
- Care is provided via- home visits, clinics, remote monitoring, virtual visits



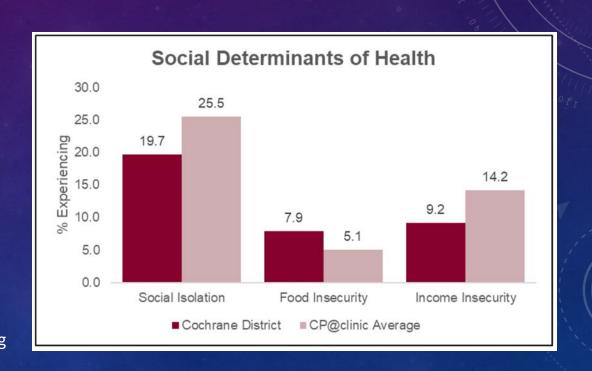
#### CP ROSTERING FOR HOME CLIENTS

			COMMUNITY P	ARAMED	ICINE WEEK	LY REPORT					
WEEKLY PERIOD:	FROM: Aug. 28		28 TO:	TO: Se		pt. 3 ACTIVE P		361	PROGRAM CAPACITY:		100%
911 CALLS: 210	911 CALLS WITH PARAMEDIC REFERRAL:			7 911 CALL		S FROM CP PATIENTS:		43	NEW ENROLLMENTS:		1
PROGRAM:	CPLTC:	220	HIGH INTENSITY SU	PPORT:	85	CPRPM:	1	CDSSAB:	8	TOTAL:	314
DIVISION:				KAP	USKASING	CP			-		
HEARST		3					1				4
MATTICE											
OPASATIKA					1						
HARTY											
VAL RITA											
KAPUSKASING		41			8				2		51
MOONBEAM		4									4
FAUQUIER		1			1						2
SMOOTH ROCK FALLS	8	3			2						5
DIVISION:				co	CHRANE C					21 22	
COCHRANE		14			20				1		35
IROQUOIS FALLS		5			- 6						11
PORQUIS JUNCTION					1						1
MONTEITH		1			1						2
DIVISION:				TI	MMINS CP				107		
MATHESON		1			8						9
VAL GAGNE					2						2
RAMORE		1									1
HOLTYRE											
TIMMINS		124			32				2		158
SCHUMACHER		4									4
SOUTH PORCUPINE		11			3				2		16
PORCUPINE		5			1			*	1		7
CONNAUGHT		2									2
CP VISITS:	IN-PERSON:		VIRTUAL:	BLOODWORK:		URINALYSIS:		ON RPM:		AWAITING INTAKE	
KAPUSKASING CP	18		- Marian Maria			0		16		403	
COCHRANE CP	20		1		11						
TIMMINS CP	50				77						
911 CREWS	0	_									

- 6 full-time CP with an average of 60 clients
- 361 Active Clients with 403 awaiting intake
- Majority of Clients are in Two Communities
- Clinics available every week in senior housing
- 3600 home visits in 2021 with 5 full-time CP

#### COLLABORATION IS KEY

- Public Health (Vaccine and Health Clinics)
- Mental Health (social isolation, assessments)
- Local and Regional Hospitals (discharge, pre-ad)
- Addictions (Sabloxon, follow up treatment)
- Palliative Care (Pain management and support)
- Aging at home (home visits, Clinics)
- Family Health Teams (referrals, follow up, point of care testing)
- **Social Services, Housing** (Social support, income security, appropriate housing and support)
- Police Service (failure to thrive, home supports, addicitions)
- Long Term Care (LTC avoidance, clinics, home visits, continuing care, complex health, RPM)



## SUCCESS STORY, E.D. AVOIDANCE AND QUALITY OF LIFE WHILE AGING AT HOME

- Mary from Cochrane
- 65 calls for service from Paramedics
- Introduction of CP visits and RPM
  - Complex health issues
- Reduced to five calls the following year
- Feels safe, healthier and more confident

- Gerome from Timmins
- Complex health issue, living alone in supportive housing
  - Does not call 911 for assistance
  - Attends a CP Clinic in his building
- Working with CP, housing staff, Social Services, Police
- Was not getting services he needed, was being robbed by his kids, had not food or medication
- Improved quality of life, ability to strive with support

#### WHERE ARE WE GOING WITH CP?

#### Success

- Better access to care, where you live
- Good community support
- Financial support from Government Agencies
- Reduction in LTC wait lists and Improved quality of life
- Continued Partnerships and Collaboration
- Customized programs to Community needs
- Recognition of CP in the circle of care

#### Challenges/ Opportunities

- Secured and Guaranteed (ongoing) Funding
- Standardized Training
- Funding model not sustainable
- Front-line engagement of 911 Paramedics
- Ability to increase CP staffing
- Regulations and Government Standardization
- Increased red tape and reporting
- Better access for remote First Nations

