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## MANAGEMENT REPORT

**Date:** January 13, 2025  
**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Shannon Archer, Business and Integration Manager  
John Ritz, Homelessness and Housing Stability Supervisor  
**Report Number:** COU25-005  
**Attachments:** None

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**Title:** Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Outreach Program Agreement

**Objective:** To consider approval to enter into a new agreement with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance for Nurse Practitioner (NP) Primary Care Outreach Program, to support individuals experiencing homelessness and housing instability who are not attached to a primary care physician.

**Background:** In March 2021, The Corporation of the City of Stratford (City) and Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) entered into an agreement to collaborate for the NP Primary Care Outreach Program using funding received from the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF). This program provides basic health services to individuals experiencing homelessness and housing instability to ensure successful life stabilization in the community.

**Analysis:** The updated agreement will take effect in January 2025. There are termination clauses built into the agreement, and it will be subject to regular review to ensure fiscal responsibility and that program delivery expectations are being met. This program is an integral part of the community-based supports needed for individuals living unsheltered or experiencing housing stability issues. The Nurse Practitioner works alongside the Community Paramedic team and the Outreach team to provide healthcare services to those who require support. Clinics are set up throughout Perth County. Key outcomes include the ability for individuals without a family doctor to apply for Disability benefits, referrals to specialized care, and medication updates and reviews.

**Financial Implications:**

**Financial impact to current year operating budget:**

The yearly cost to operate this program is \$75,000 which is funded through the Government of Ontario, the Homelessness Prevention Program. There is no anticipated impact on the municipal tax levy resulting from the operation of this program.

**Alignment with Strategic Priorities:**

**Build Housing Stability**

This report aligns with this priority as it provides services to the most vulnerable members of the community.

**Work Together For Greater Impact**

This report aligns with this priority as it improves and stabilizes community partnerships with the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance.

**Alignment with One Planet Principles:**

**Health and Happiness**

Encouraging active, social, meaningful lives to promote good health and wellbeing.

**Staff Recommendation: THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford enter into an agreement with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance to provide the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Outreach Program;**

**AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance.**

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