VAUGHAN COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE





The Vaughan Community Health Centre continues to demonstrate its commitment to working with its diverse communities to promote health and well-being; facilitating access to services, addressing disparities in health outcomes for the most vulnerable and collaborating with partners and community members to plan services that address community priorities. We have chosen 4 examples which highlight the work completed last year:

- 1. Leading an Access to Oral Health Initiative: Access to affordable dental health care is a barrier for many individuals. In response to this, the VCHC created and supports the York Region Access to Oral Health Coalition. The Coalition has worked to understand the issue of access to oral health by conducting an environmental scan, surveying Vaughan residents and working with community partners on exploring interest to start a pro bono dental care program in Vaughan.
- 2. Ratifying VCHC's commitment to increase quality of life: Meetings were held with the City of Vaughan and the Region of York in follow-up to the recommendations of the 2015 Vaughan Wellbeing Report. Issues discussed included the need to increase affordable housing, increase access to affordable public transportation, improving air quality and creating business opportunities for low income residents.
- 3. Continuing to focus on Quality Improvement Initiatives: Work was completed to expand the role of the Registered Practical Nurse (RPN) as well as to increase community's access to physiotherapy services.
- 4. Continue Expanding VCHC's Focus on Chronic Disease Prevention and Management: A stronger emphasis on educating community residents on the importance of adopting an active life style was implemented.



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The Vaughan Community Health Centre (VCHC) is a not for profit, community governed organization. The VCHC is funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care through the Central Health Integration Network. The VCHC provides primary health care services; chronic disease prevention and management; and social programs that address the social determinants of health.

These services are delivered in Vaughan both onsite and offsite, at multiple community organizations and partner agencies. Since opening its doors in 2009, the VCHC has operated in a client centered approach, providing the right care at the right time. With a variety of programs and services under one roof, the VCHC is able to increase access to health care, particularly for vulnerable individuals who face barriers receiving services.



Vaughan Community Health Centre

Focuses on Health Promotion and Illness Prevention

Primary Health Care

Chronic
Disease
Prevention and
Management

Health Promotion Team Advocacy & Community Engagement & Development

- Family Doctors
- Nurse Practitioners
- Registered Practical Nurse
- Community Dietitian
- Physiotherapist
- Social Worker
- Chiropodist

Physical Activity Programs

Diabetes Education Program:

- Nurse Educators
- Dietitians
- Chiropodist

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease Program:

- Registered Kinesiologist
- Respiratory Therapist

Community Health Workers provide:

- Healthy Child/Young Families Programs
- Programs for Youth
- Adult Wellness Programs
- Older Adult Programs
- Seniors Program

- Affordable Transportation

- Affordable Dental Services
- Affordable Housing

and more!



Primary Health Care Team

17,455

Client interactions

4,395

Clients served

294

Non-insured clients served

Chronic Disease Prevention & Management Teams

6,763

Client interactions

320

Group sessions

3,256

Clients served

Health Promotion Team

742

Group sessions held

11,750

Group participants served

9,187

Total active clients

35,509

Total # of client interactions

COMMITTED TO EXCELLENT PRIMARY CARE

Over the last year, the VCHC staff Team continued to work towards providing timely access to primary care, while meeting its performance and quality improvement targets. Multiple collaborations with likeminded organizations were implemented to expand services.

One of the ways in which the VCHC team is increasing access to primary care services is by expanding the role of the VCHC's Registered Practical Nurse (RPN).For example, under the direction of the physician or nurse practitioner, the RPN communicates test results and next steps to the clients, performs wound dressings, injections, and more. The goal is to have the RPN working at expanded scope of

practice and providing shared care with other clinicians. VCHC also worked on increasing community access for physiotherapy services by opening up its internal physiotherapy program to serve individuals who do not have a family doctor or nurse practitioner at the VCHC.

The VCHC achieved its clinical screening targets set out by the Central Local Health Integration Network. Some of those targets included measures focusing on the prevention of cervical, colorectal, and breast cancer, influenza vaccination and interprofessional care for clients living with diabetes. Below is a more detailed look at VCHC's performance.

Fiscal year 2015/2016		
Clinical Accountability Indicators	Performance Standard	Results
PAP Test	>69.6%	87.65%
FOBT	60.8% - 91.2%	75.73%
Diabetes	73.6% - 100%	90.91%
Mammogram	62.4% - 93.6%	81.25%
Influenza	38.4% - 57.6%	43.00%





The Chronic Disease Prevention & Management Program

The goal of the VCHC is to work with its clients to maintain and improve their health. Particularly we focus on prevention and/or self-management of chronic illnesses. The VCHC's Chronic Disease Prevention and Management program does just that. As the aging population grows, their health needs increase and the occurrence of chronic illnesses is more prevalent.

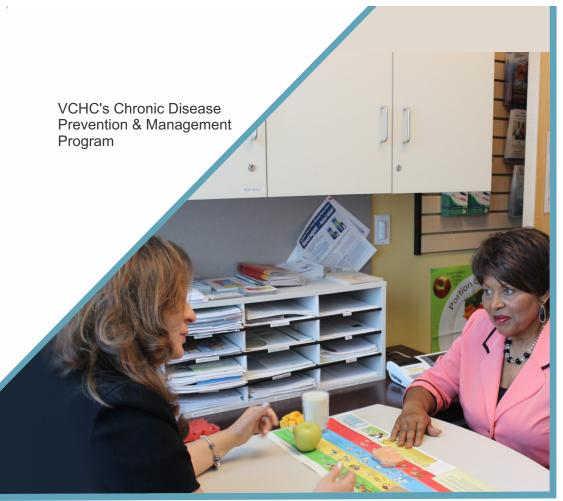
The occurrence of chronic illnesses increase with age, "nearly 40% of current Central LHIN residents aged 65-74 and 56% of those aged 75 plus have two or more chronic conditions." (Central Local Health Integration Network).

VCHC's Chronic Disease Prevention and Management program is focused on 3 main areas:

Physical Activity programs
Diabetes Education Program
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Function (COPD) Program

For more information about these programs, please contact us at 905-303-8490 Ext. 2









Social Programs

VCHC staff focuses on health promotion and illness prevention. Furthermore, we have a dedicated team to address the social determinants of health through social programs. This team is comprised of Community Health Workers who provide social programs and services to individuals of all ages. These programs are developed to address the social, mental and physical aspects of one's health and wellbeing. Programs and presentations provide participants with an opportunity to create social connections, increase knowledge and life skills and support development of a healthy lifestyle. The Health Promotion Team provides programs and presentations at the VCHC location and throughout the community i.e. schools, community centres and partner organizations

A Snapshot of Our Programs:

Ready for Success Tutoring Program

In partnership with the Faculty of Education at York University, the VCHC provides children in grades 3 and 6 with access to free tutoring in order to help them improve their academic and social skills, as well as, their comfort level seeking help.

For more information about the tutoring program, please contact Kelly Lo at 905-303-8490 Ext. 153.



VCHC's Ready For Success Tutoring Program

Cooking on a Budget and Healthy Eating

This program provides an opportunity for individuals to meet in a safe and empowering environment where they can learn and share skills. Learning focuses on food budgeting; meal planning; grocery shopping; cooking healthy meals and learning new healthy recipes. Nutritional presentations are provided by a Community Dietitian.





VCHC's Cooking On A Budget And Healthy Eating Program



Youth Training Program

In 2015, the VCHC obtained funding from the Regional Municipality of York Community Investments Fund. This funding allowed the VCHC to provide free life skills and training programs to youth between the ages of 16-24 from low to moderate income families. Example of training includes First Aid-CPR, Workplace Hazardous Information Management System (WHMIS), how to operate a cash register and more.

Senior's Gardening and Walking Program

In partnership with Human Endeavour, this program allows seniors to keep active by participating in outdoor activities where they plant vegetables and fruits, maintain a garden, socialize, enjoy a morning walk and participate in an annual community barbeque.







VCHC's Gardening Program



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VCHC's Summer Camp



VCHC Holiday Celebration



VCHC's Grocery Store Tour



Pole Walking Program



Tai Chi For Health Program



VCHC's Community Consultation



VCHC's Holiday Lunch



VCHC's Learn and Share Program



VCHC's Women's Group



VCHC's Volunteer Appreciation



VCHC's Ready for Success Tutoring Program



Quality improvement initiatives continued to drive the operations of the VCHC as a whole. The VCHC surveys its clients to obtain feedback on its programs and services on a regular basis. The results of the Client Experience Survey are reviewed every 3 months and presented to the VCHC Quality Improvement Committee. The committee discusses various measures to improve clients' experience at the VCHC. The results are also shared with VCHC Board of Directors and staff and are reflected in the VCHC's Quality Improvement Plan which is submitted to Health Quality Ontario.

Here is a summary of results from our 2015-2016 Client Experience Survey:

Timely Access to a Primary Care Provider

Target: 49%

Opportunity to Ask Questions

Target: 85%

PATIENT-CENTERED Involvement in Decision Making

Target: 90%

PATIENT-CENTERED Time Spent with Clients

Target: 90%

49%

of respondents saw their doctors or nurse practitioner within the same day or next day

91%

of respondents stated they are always and/or often provided with an opportunity to ask about recommended treatment 89%

of respondents stated they are always and/or often involved in decisions about their care and treatment 89%

of respondents stated their doctor or nurse practitioner always and/or often spends enough time with them



The VCHC engages the community and clients on an ongoing basis. Feedback from the community is one of the fundamental aspects of VCHC's work.

There are many ways in which to provide your feedback:

Client Experience Surveys

If you would like to provide your feedback on VCHC's programs and services, please complete our Client Experience Survey which is located at the 1st and 2nd floor reception areas. Surveys are available in 5 different languages: English, Russian, Urdu, Italian, and Spanish.

Suggestion Boxes at the Centre

Clients are also welcome to drop a comment in our suggestion boxes located on the 1st and 2nd floors anytime they are at the Centre.

Website and Email

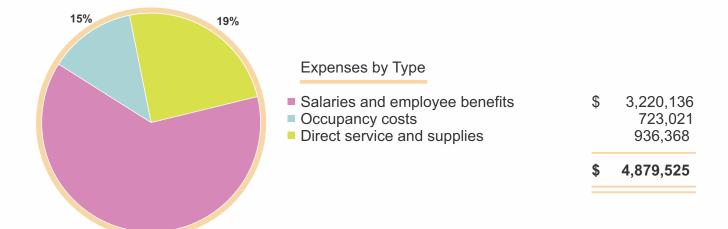
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Funders

66%

- Central Local Health Integration Network
- Human Resources and Development Canada
- The Regional Municipality of York



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Monday: 8:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday: 8:00am-8:00pm
Wednesday: 8:00am-8:00pm
Thursday: 8:00am-8:00pm
Friday: 8:00am-5:00pm
Saturday: 8:00am-12:00pm