The Vancouver Native Health Clinic, a primary care clinic situated in Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside, is looking for locum physicians to join their team and have shifts available up to 7 days per week. The clinic serves a predominantly urban Indigenous population, although not exclusively so. Many of the patients struggle with their chronic illnesses (HIV, HCV, Diabetes, COPD) in the context of poverty, homelessness, Substance Use Disorders, and Mental Health Issues. The clinic is looking for physicians who can provide trauma-informed, culturally competent care to this patient population. Interested candidates must have a Methadone License and be competent in prescribing Opioid Agonist Therapy. They are open to physicians who wish to try out the clinic first with preceptors and orientation shifts. Most shifts have 2 other family physicians working at the same time, unless it is an evening or weekend shift. There are 4 exam rooms, and the clinic has one full-time RN who does blood work, immunizations, wound care, Pap smear screening, and STI treatments. In addition to the ten Family Physicians that staff the clinic, there is also a Psychiatrist, Mental Health Counselors, Elders, and a Dietician working at the VNH clinic. The clinic also hosts a weekly evening Youth Clinic and a weekly Women and Children’s Afternoon. The clinic physicians are funded through Vancouver Coastal Health and pays their physicians a sessional rate ($144.88/hr; $507.08/session). The clinic uses the EMR Oscar, and patient appointment times are on average 20 minutes in duration. Shift session hours are as follows; M-F: 9am-12:30pm, 1:30-5pm; M-Th 5:00-8:30pm; Sat 9am-2:30pm & Sun: 9-12:30. Free parking is available in the clinic parking lot.

Applications: applications can go to the Recruitment & Retention Team at the Vancouver Division of Family Practice (e-mail: recruitmentvan@divisionsbc.ca).

Deadline for application is August 30, 2019.