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To: G&A OHT Core Steering Committee
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Subject: Key Messages – Core Steering – May 26, 2021

Key Messages

The following are the Key Messages from the G&A OHT Steering Committee meeting on May 26th that can be shared with your staff, clinicians, boards, partners etc. as appropriate:

- COVID-19 rates in our community continue to come down. Dr. Mercer reported that locally, we need 4,000-5,000 more people to register to be vaccinated in order to achieve our vaccination target.
- The G&A OHT Steering Committee was invited to review and contribute to the ‘G&A OHT 2020/21 Year End Report’ ahead of it being submitted to the Ministry on Monday May 31. The report will be converted to a partner-facing year-end report that will celebrate the G&A OHT accomplishments in what was an unprecedented year of pandemic-related challenges. Despite the challenges, G&A OHT partners describe the following as two of the accomplishments that we are most proud of:
 - Our ability to create and maintain a trusting, respectful environment solely focused on the big picture of health and well-being for ALL the residents of Guelph and Area.
 - Advancing towards maturity as a collaborative and inter-connected (if not yet integrated) group of providers – including infrastructure and enabling elements such as the CDMA, governance structure, strategic planning etc.
- Tom Hammond and Deanna Clatworthy joined the Steering Committee for a conversation about the services provided at the ARCH Clinic and described some of the challenges they have experienced as a result of the pandemic and of a growing demand for their services. G&A OHT partners will have further conversations with ARCH Clinic to support alignment and integration of ARCH services into the IPCT model to ensure transgender capable care is available to all in G&A OHT.
- Rural Wellington and Guelph and Area OHT Partners will resume their series of joint meetings on June 9 with a focus on building trust and advancing our partnership in support of improving the health of the residents of Guelph and Wellington County. We will be creating a process to rename our joint OHT – stay tuned for details about how to contribute!
- One of the deliverables of the Implementation Funding is the development of an “OHT Expansion Plan”. In support of this, the Steering Committee has reviewed and finalized the process by which new partners can join the G&A OHT. The G&A OHT looks forward to welcoming new partners who commit to partnership as described in the [“Commitment of Partnership” document](#). The Steering Committee recognizes the need to be flexible and iterative in its approach to expanding the G&A OHT as continues to mature.

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