

**Date:** June 25, 2021  
**To:** GW OHT Core Steering Committee  
**From:** Emmi Perkins  
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### Key Messages

The following are the Key Messages from the Guelph Wellington OHT Steering Committee meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 that can be shared as appropriate with your staff, clinicians, boards, partners etc.:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> doses of COVID-19 vaccinations are well underway in our community. Dr. Mercer encouraged all to target efforts towards our highest risk residents and those that are most vaccine hesitant as a key way by which we will protect our community from the increasing Delta variant.
- The Guelph Wellington OHT Steering Committee received two presentations:
  - 2020/21 Year in Review (click [here](#))
  - What Will the Guelph Wellington OHT Look Like at the End of 2021/22? (click [here](#))
- These presentations will be adapted to communicate to our community, the Ministry and other stakeholders how our OHT structure has allowed the GW OHT to deliver a strong pandemic crisis response and is contributing to improvements in local health care delivery.
- The Steering Committee will reduce their meeting frequency over the summer to support rest and recovery of our members. When the Steering Committee re-groups in September, we will focus on COVID recovery and what we need to do to support the community.
- Rural Wellington and Guelph and Area OHT partners continue to meet to forge our joint OHT. At our last meeting a name for the new OHT was agreed upon – **the joint OHT is now called the Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team**. Groves Memorial Community Hospital (GMCH) and North Wellington Health Care (NWHC) have officially joined the OHT. We continue to meet with other Rural Wellington partners to review the “Collaborative Decision-Making Arrangement” (CDMA) that will guide our work together as a joint OHT.
- Guelph Wellington OHT Core partners renewed their “[Commitment to Partnership](#)” as part of an annual review of our core membership process. In addition to GMCH and NWHC, Guelph Wellington Paramedic Services have also committed to partnership and have joined the Guelph Wellington OHT. We are excited to welcome these new partners! [Briefing Note-Home & Community Care Support Services WW-June 2021](#)
- In support of the Guelph Wellington OHT’s commitment to Diversity, Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression, the Steering Committee had a generative discussion regarding the GW OHT’s role in calling out oppression in our community. Don Mahleka, the GW OHT Equity Manager, will work with the OHT Anti-Oppression Advisory Team and other OHT partners to develop a recommended approach to support the GW OHT Steering Committee to take meaningful action to address specific issues of racism and oppression in our local healthcare system.

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