



**Date:** April 18, 2022  
**To:** GW OHT Core Steering Committee  
**From:** Emmi Perkins, Director of Transformation  
**Subject:** **Key Messages – Core Steering – April 13, 2022**

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### **Key Messages**

The following are the Key Messages from the Guelph Wellington OHT (GW OHT) Steering Committee meeting on March 30, 2022. They can be shared as appropriate with your staff, clinicians, boards, and partners.

- The GW OHT submitted a proposal to advance Home Care Modernization as a “Leading Project” on March 31, 2022. The GW OHT proposal advances the Integrated Primary Care Team (IPCT) model. Approximately 5 “Leading Projects” will be selected across the province to support innovation and learning as part of the provincial planning related to home and community care modernization and the transition of home care delivery to OHTs. The Steering Committee is hopeful that this proposal will be advanced as a “Leading Project” - it remains committed to the IPCT model and will continue to expand the model in 2022/23.
- The Steering Committee had a discussion about the significant strain that the current COVID wave is again placing on staff and the ability of the health care system to meet the needs of our community. The Steering Committee requested the development of communications to re-iterate our support and appreciation to our staff, to describe the current risk to local health care services due to the current wave of the COVID pandemic (including the strain on health human resources) AND to invite the community to be part of the solution by continuing to wear masks and remaining up to date on their vaccinations.
- Each GW OHT Core Partner Organization affirmed their commitment to support the ‘GW OHT 2022/23 – 2024/25 Strategic Priorities’ with the understanding that there will be continual review of what activities can be accomplished, as our health system works to recover. The GW OHT Steering Committee passed a motion to formally recommend that the GW OHT Strategy and Governance Council approve the following ‘GW OHT 2022-25 Strategic Priorities’ at their meeting on April 21:
  1. **Stronger Integration and Communication**
  2. **Shared Understanding and Advancement of Health Equity**
  3. **System Recovery and Stability**
- The Steering Committee received an update regarding the status of on-going efforts to ‘Improve Access to Psychiatry in Guelph Wellington’. The Steering Committee discussed the need to continue to engage front-line staff in the work while ensuring that the work remains focused on the specific problem that needs to be solved”

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