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**To:** GW OHT Core Steering Committee  
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**Subject:** **Key Messages – Core Steering – June 22, 2022**

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### **Key Messages**

The following are the Key Messages from the Guelph Wellington OHT (GW OHT) Steering Committee meeting on June 22, 2022. They can be shared as appropriate with your staff, clinicians, boards, and partners.

- The GW OHT Steering Committee approved a recommendation from the GW OHT Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) to change the name of the IPCT from “Integrated Primary Care Team” to “Integrated Patient Care Team”. The PFAC recommendation supports the intended patient-centeredness of the IPCT model.
- The GW OHT is preparing to submit its “Leading Practice Detailed Proposal” on June 24. The GW OHT proposal describes our plans to advance our ‘Integrated Patient Care Team’ (IPCT) model. Between fall 2022 and March 2024 we propose to bring together in-home care providers, care coordinators and existing primary care teams into integrated teams of dedicated providers who collectively address the needs of patients served by each IPCT. The team will be able to share clinical information about their shared patients and to communicate seamlessly. “Leading Projects” will inform the provincial approach to transitioning home and community care services to Ontario Health Teams.
- To support GW OHT in its ‘Leading Practice’ work, a ‘Lead Agency’ is needed to hold the contracts that will be developed with in-home service providers (aka. SPOs). The GW OHT Steering Committee accepted the following recommendations to best position the GW OHT to successfully integrate home and community care into the OHT:
  - That Guelph Family Health Team be designated as the GW OHT ‘Contract Lead Agency’
  - That the functions required to support the procurement and management of SPO contracts within the GW OHT “Leading Project” be completed through a multi-partnership model
- The Steering Committee discussed the role of the GW OHT in supporting the primary care needs of refugees in our communities. It was agreed that the OHT should play a role in developing a plan to optimize access to primary care that prioritizes those who are most vulnerable/in need. The Steering Committee also discussed the need for a plan to advocate for investment in primary care – primary care has been positioned as central to health care (both provincially and within the GW OHT) despite almost ten years of no new funding for team-based care and increasing complexity of patients. GW OHT Primary Care executive partners will convene in September to discuss these issues and recommend a role for the GW OHT.
- The Steering Committee received an update about the safety and economic challenges related to an increase in the number of people with complex mental illness and addictions issues spending time downtown Guelph. The Tier 4/5 Working Group, CMHA and Guelph CHC are working to identify actions

that GW OHT can take to contribute to a broader community effort to address some of the impacts of this very challenging situation.

- The GW OHT Steering Committee is looking forward to an in-person, half-day strategic retreat on June 28 where we will:
  - Reflect on our 3-year journey as an OHT to date and where we are going next
  - Discuss our shared vision for the mature structure of the GW OHT
  - Discuss what we need to do/how we will work together to best position ourselves to be successful
- The Steering Committee has decided to not meet over the summer UNLESS key decisions need to be made regarding the “Leading Practice” work. We will hold the August meeting dates to support any needed decisions. Otherwise, the GW OHT Steering Committee will reconvene

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