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To: GW OHT Core Steering Committee
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Subject: **Key Messages – Core Steering – June 8, 2022**

Key Messages

The following are the Key Messages from the Guelph Wellington OHT (GW OHT) Steering Committee meeting on June 8, 2022. They can be shared as appropriate with your staff, clinicians, boards, and partners.

- The GW OHT is one of 7 OHTs to be selected to proceed to the next stage of planning to be a 'Leading Project for Home Care Modernization! Through this 'Leading Project', we are excited to advance our 'Integrated Primary Care Team' (IPCT) model which will see in-home care, care coordination and primary care all be delivered as part of a single team. "Leading Projects" will inform the provincial approach to transitioning home and community care services to Ontario Health Teams. The deadline for the detailed proposal has been extended to June 24, 2022. GW OHT staff, working groups and partners continue to refine the detailed proposal in all areas including data, digital health, contracts & procurement, human resources etc.
- Provincial mask mandates are ending on June 11. GW OHT partners are reviewing internal masking policies to determine if mandates will be maintained for all employees, patients and guests or if a hybrid model (admin/clinical) will be developed.
- Dr. Mercer reported that COVID vaccines for children are expected by late Fall 2022. Additionally, by the fall, most of the adult population will be past the recommended 48-week period between COVID-19 doses. Finally, fall flu shots are expected to arrive sooner than in previous years (November). It is therefore expected there will be a vaccination request surge in the fall.
- The GW OHT Human Resources Working Group is hosting an on-line 'Staff Wellness Networking Forum' on Jun 17 to share current/best practices in staff wellness and resilience. The interactive forum will provide human resource, organizational development and health and wellness staff of partner organizations to:
 - Network GW OHT partners who are also focused on staff wellness, resiliency and engagement
 - Share and hear about what GW OHT organizations are doing to address staff wellness/resiliency
 - Identify opportunities to share staff wellness/resiliency resources and practices amongst partners
 - Identify opportunities to work together to address staff wellness/resiliency
- Dr. Ian Digby joined the Steering Committee for a discussion regarding an analysis of the priorities identified the 'GWPA Position Paper' and GW OHT 2022-2025 Strategic Priorities. It was acknowledged that there is a very high level alignment between the two sets of priorities. The analysis also described work that is underway/planned by the OHT to address the priorities that were identified by each group. Further work will be done to develop plans to address two priorities: 1) Flow & Access, 2) Physician Recruitment.

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