

Date: September 29, 2022
To: GW OHT Core Steering Committee
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Subject: **Key Messages – Core Steering – September 28, 2022**

Key Messages

The following are the Key Messages from the Guelph Wellington OHT (GW OHT) Steering Committee meeting on September 28, 2022. They can be shared as appropriate with your staff, clinicians, boards, and partners.

- The GW OHT Steering Committee reviewed the purpose and utility of the “Collaborative Decision-Making Arrangement” (CDMA). The Committee endorsed an approach to update the GW OHT CDMA to reflect our progress and maturity as an Ontario Health Team. Additionally, a ‘Decision Making Framework’ will be developed to support an understanding of what decisions are most appropriately made by which group within the [‘GW OHT Decision Making Structure’](#). A separate ‘Terms of Reference’ will be created to support the Steering Committee mandate.
- The Steering Committee had a conversation about the ‘Executive Sponsor’ and ‘Working Group’ role descriptions. Steering Committee members will consider their interest and capacity to the support working groups in this capacity.
- The Steering Committee endorsed the ‘GW OHT Fund Holder Agreement’ and ‘GW OHT Budget Methodology Policy’ for approval by the GW OHT Governance Council.
- The Steering Committee received an update from Don Mahleka (GW OHT Equity Manager) and Marianne Walker (Anti-Oppression Advisory Team (AOAT) Executive Sponsor) about the “Improved Health Equity” strategic priority including:
 - Development of a health equity/social determinant of health form for the primary care electronic medical record (EMR) to enable primary care providers to collect health equity and other SDoH data from patients. Dr. Kevin Samson (GW OHT Digital Health Clinical Lead) is also supporting the development of this form which will be released for use across the province
 - Progress to enable more providers to prescribe food to their patients who are food insecure
- Additionally, the Steering Committee endorsed the recommendation to prioritize the GDEIB category, “Foundation - Drive the Strategy includes Vision, Leadership and Structure”. Next steps include an assessment of the current level of GW OHT partners relative to this benchmark and establishing 1-year goals to achieve the next level.
- The Steering Committee received a summary of feedback received from Ontario Health West regarding the GW OHT ‘Population Health Management and Equity Plan’. The GW OHT was commended for its work related to the ‘Integrated Patient Care Team (IPCT)’ model including the population health (rather than disease-specific) approach and the digital health enablers of the model. Additionally, the GW OHT was acknowledged for its degree of physician involvement and health equity prioritization.

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