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**To:** GW OHT Core Steering Committee  
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### **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 Steering Committee continues to provide oversight to the development of their Terms of Reference and revisions to the GW OHT Collaborative Decision Making Arrangement (CDMA). GW OHT partners will be invited to provide feedback on the CDMA over the next month.
- The Steering Committee reviewed and provided feedback on statements that are being developed to describe to our community and staff “How Will We Know?” if we are making progress towards each of our strategic goals within our GW OHT Strategic Priorities. These statements will inform the Key Performance Indicators being developed by the GW OHT Data & Performance Working Group.
- A briefing note was presented to the Steering Committee seeking support for advocacy for primary care funding. The Ministry of Health (MoH) and Ontario Health (OH) have been focusing on post-pandemic support required by acute care but not the required support for primary care. The Steering Committee agreed that foundational investment is needed to sustain primary care. A next step will be to identify existing regional and provincial advocacy efforts for primary care funding to understand how the GW OHT can contribute to, rather than duplicate, advocacy efforts.

The Steering Committee also discussed the role of the OHT in advocacy in general. It was agreed that the GW OHT should develop parameters/principles to ensure it is selective and focused in the type and number of advocacy efforts that are undertaken. A joint discussion between the Steering Committee Governance Council will be arranged to inform GW OHT’s approach to advocacy.

- The [GW OHT Strategic Priority](#) focus this meeting was ‘Pandemic Recovery’ – specifically, the strategic goals “Care Team Members will experience improved health & wellness” and “GW OHT partners will be health and social service employers of choice”. Karen Suk Patrick described recent efforts of the GW OHT Human Resource Working Group to support improved health & wellness including a ‘Staff Wellness/Resiliency Leading Practices Forum’ held with GW OHT partners in June 2022 where resources were shared amongst OHT OH/HR partners. Additionally, efforts are underway to link with other community/municipal recruitment efforts outside of health care.
- Despite no feedback regarding the GW OHT Home Care Modernization Leading Practice Proposal, GW OHT is being encouraged by Ontario Health to advance the Integrated Patient Care Team (IPCT) model as much as possible within current parameters. Staff and partners are continuing efforts to support implementation of the IPCT model at sites expressing readiness.

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