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**To:** GW OHT Core Steering Committee  
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**Subject:** **GW OHT Core Steering Committee Key Messages — May 10, 2023**

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### **Key Messages**

The following are the Key Messages from the Guelph Wellington OHT (GW OHT) Steering Committee meeting on May 10. They can be shared as appropriate with your staff, clinicians, boards, and partners.

#### **1. Integrated Patient Care Teams (IPCTs)**

Dr. Chris Stemerding, a family physician at the Gordon Street Medical, and Jacqueline Gosse, a Care Coordinator with Home and Community Care Support Services Waterloo Wellington, spoke with the Steering Committee about their experiences working within the IPCT model. All Gordon 806 Medical clients who receive home care have their care coordinated by Jacqueline and Jacqueline is an integrated member of the primary care team at Gordon Street Medical. (Family practices usually have multiple care coordinators supporting their home care clients.) Dr Stemerding and Jacqueline described many benefits of this integrated model including:

- Shared documentation granting each provider with a full picture of each patient
- Real-time communication and problem solving resulting in improved patient care and faster access to care in questions and
- Less duplication of assessments resulting in clients not being asked the same questions and freeing up provider time

As the GW OHT works to spread the IPCT model, the insights and advice of Dr. Stemerding and Jacqueline were very valued by the Steering Committee.

#### **2. Home Care Modernization Leading Practice**

The GW OHT is one of seven 'Leading Practice' OHTs. This provincial initiative will support implementation of the IPCT model to more primary care sites including the integration of dedicated care coordinators and in-home care service providers as dedicated members of primary care teams. The Leading Practice work will inform the Ministry's/Ontario Health's plan to transition resources, functions and responsibilities for home and community care to OHTs.

#### **3. GW OHT Annual Celebration – May 29<sup>th</sup>**

The Steering Committee discussed plans for the GW OHT Annual Celebration on May 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6. All are welcome to attend – click [here](#) to register.

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