

**Date:** August 14, 2023  
**To:** GW OHT Core Steering Committee  
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**Subject:** **GW OHT Core Steering Committee Key Messages — August 9, 2023**

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### **Key Messages**

The following are the Key Messages from the Guelph Wellington OHT (GW OHT) Steering Committee meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>. They can be shared as appropriate with your staff, clinicians, boards, and partners.

1. **OHT Health System Integration Leading Practice** – The due date for the GW OHT Health System Integration Leading Practice Implementation Plan, originally August 4<sup>th</sup>, has been deferred pending multiple provincial directions that will impact the parameters of the work. As we wait for key provincial decisions/directions, we are continuing to build plans, work flows/processes and structures to support the GW OHT to assume oversight of the delivery of integrated home care into six (6) Integrated Patient Care Team sites.
2. **Permanent Supportive Housing in Guelph Wellington** - Guelph Wellington has a significant opportunity to increase low barrier/low-income housing through the multiple permanent supportive housing units that have recently opened/are being built. In the context of limited health resources, our ability to meet the health needs of the residents in the permanent supportive housing units across Guelph Wellington will be optimized by a coordinated and collaborative approach amongst partners that enables prioritization of needs and equitable distribution of limited resources. The GW OHT Steering Committee confirmed that the OHT has a role in supporting collaboration between OHT partners and housing partners to optimize collective efforts to meet the needs of individuals across permanent supportive housing in Guelph Wellington. The Steering Committee directed staff to gather information/data to help the Steering Committee understand the current issues related to funding /operations of permanent supportive housing. Based on this information/data, the Steering Committee will develop a problem statement to define the scope of it's role in supporting this issue.
3. **Models of Care Innovation Fund** - A Models of Care Innovation Fund was announced in early July to support innovative projects that optimize health human resources in Ontario. The proposals are due August 31. Funding is for two years, \$20 million per year provincially. GW OHT partners are collaborating on a joint proposal in support of GW OHT strategic priorities.

CMHA WW invited the GW OHT Steering Committee to endorse it's proposal to support more seamless mental health and addictions services in Guelph Wellington including enhanced digital enablement/integration, a common privacy and risk framework and clinical best practice implementation.

The GW OHT Steering Committee endorsed, in principle, the GW OHT joint proposal and the CMHA proposal as they are consistent with the GW OHT directions and align with GW OHT Strategic Priorities.

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