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To: GW OHT Core Steering Committee
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Subject: **GW OHT Core Steering Committee Key Messages – September 13, 2023**

Key Messages

The following are the Key Messages from the Guelph Wellington OHT (GW OHT) Steering Committee meeting on September 13th. They can be shared as appropriate with your staff, clinicians, boards, and partners.

- OHT Home Care Integration Leading Practice** – Progress continues to be made towards the launch of the next phase of the Integrated Patient care Team (IPCT) model at 6 primary care sites across Guelph Wellington. The process to procure and develop innovative contracts with Service Provider Organization (SPO) partners has begun. The Ministry’s webinar on September 11 included information about the province’s next steps in home care modernization including steps to support OHTs to take on delivery of home care. The GW IPCT Leading Practice (along with 6 other Leading Practices across Ontario) are being advanced to support/inform the growing role for OHTs in home care delivery. The GW OHT IPCT Leading Practice is preparing to launch in April 2024.
- ConnectMyHealth** – The Steering Committee celebrated the upcoming launch of ConnectMyHealth, a portal where patients can access their hospital records. Stay tuned for more information later this week! Thank-you to the GW OHT PFAC and the staff at Guelph General Hospital and other OHT partners who have supported the development of this portal.
- Health and Housing in Guelph Wellington** – The GW OHT Steering Committee confirmed that the OHT has a role in addressing the issues facing Guelph Wellington communities related to mental health, substance use and homelessness. In the short-term, partners will support efforts to secure operational funding for the soon-to-be or recently opened permanent supportive housing units. In the longer term, the Steering Committee discussed how the OHT can lead collaborative efforts to support system level planning and design of services to meet the needs of residents needing/living in permanent supportive housing across Guelph Wellington.
- GW OHT Strategic Priorities** - The GW OHT is half-way through its current strategic priority term (2022-2025). The Steering Committee reviewed progress towards its strategic goals and reflected on the impact the OHT is having / needs to have to address the health issues facing residents of Guelph Wellington. Goals for the second half of the strategic priority term will be reviewed to reflect emerging needs and to ensure the efforts of GW OHT partners is having the needed impact i.e. improving the health of the people of Guelph Wellington.

If you have any questions or comments, or would like to be involved in the Guelph Wellington Ontario Health Team, please contact Emmi Perkins (emmi.perkins@guelphwellingtonoht.com)