

Date: October 13, 2023
To: GW OHT Core Steering Committee
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Subject: **GW OHT Core Steering Committee Key Messages – October 11, 2023**

Key Messages

The following are the Key Messages from the Guelph Wellington OHT (GW OHT) Steering Committee meeting on October 11th. They can be shared as appropriate with your staff, clinicians, boards, and partners.

- 1. OHT Acceleration** – The Ministry and Ontario Health held webinars in September to share information about plans for ‘OHT Acceleration’. 12 OHTs have been selected to be advanced rapidly towards maturity and be considered for designation under the Connecting Care Act, 2019. Once designated, Ontario Health Teams will receive an integrated funding envelope and enter into an ‘Ontario Health Team Accountability Agreement’.

In the absence of a performance framework, the 12 OHTs were selected by OH based on degree readiness and progress against key domains:

- a. Governance
- b. Clinical Service Transformation/Population Health Management
- c. Leadership
- d. Readiness for Home Care Transition
- e. Primary care Engagement & Leadership
- f. Delivering an Integrated Care Pathways and/or Home Care Leading Practice
- g. Strong Back Office

GW OHT was not selected for acceleration. Not being selected as an accelerated OHT will not impact the GW OHT’s work as a Home Care Integration Leading Practice.

MoH and OH will release guidance, resources and support for ALL OHTs on primary care networks, not-for-profit incorporation, back-office support through operational support providers. ALL OHTs will have access to these guidance documents but only the 12 OHTs selected for ‘acceleration’ will receive funds to support their efforts.

The Steering Committee expressed concern about the approach employed to select the accelerated OHTs. The process has provided some insight into the requirements for OHTs to reach full maturity/designation. The GW OHT will remain on its current course - to advance towards maturity and support local solutions to local problems and advance provincial priorities in support of impact at scale.

- 2. OHT Home Care Integration Leading Practice** – The Leading Practice Implementation Plan is due November 10. SPO procurement and contracting group continues to meet and define scope and requirements.
- 3. GW OHT Joint Direct Core Partner Board Event** – GW OHT Direct Core Partner Boards of Directors and the Steering Committee will receive presentations from the Executive Directors of the Hamilton and

Burlington OHTs to share their experiences and insights regarding incorporation. This will inform additional education/information needs ahead of the launch of our incorporation process in early 2024. We will also discuss recent provincial directions regarding OHT Acceleration and Home Care integration as well as identify actions to address the GW OHT Governance Leadership Focus Recommendations to advance the GW OHT towards maturity.

- 4. Health and Housing in Guelph Wellington** – The GW OHT Steering Committee confirmed the following problem statement to which it intends to contribute solutions(s):

We have a sub-population in our community, who for health, economic and social reasons, are not housed or able to maintain their housing. There is a gap in the health services available to this group. As a result, their basic needs are not being met and this negatively impacts both their health and the health of the community.

The Steering Committee also discussed short- and long-term contributions of OHT partners towards the identified problem.

- 5. OHT Endorsement** – The Steering Committee discussed and confirmed its role in endorsing system proposal and plans. The GW OHT will endorse proposals/plans “in principle” that are consistent with the directions and priorities of the GW OHT.
- 6. Physician Recruitment Business Case** – The Steering Committee endorsed the ‘GW OHT Physician Recruitment Business Case’ that will be advanced through City of Guelph, County of Wellington and Chamber of Commerce budget processes. The business case seeks funding from each of these partners to support the development of the strategy.
- 7. Respiratory Season Readiness** – The Steering Committee received an update from WDGPH regarding the status of respiratory illness in Guelph Wellington. The Steering Committee directed the development of a GW OHT table to monitor and support a coordinated response to respiratory illness in the community.

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@quelphwellingtonoht.com)