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To: GW OHT Core Steering Committee
From: Emmi Perkins, Director of Transformation
Subject: **GW OHT Core Steering Committee Key Messages – January 10, 2024**

Key Messages

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

- 1. GW OHT Governance Council Leadership Focus Action Plan** – The Steering Committee reviewed the process that was undertaken to develop the GW OHT Governance Council Leadership Focus Action Plan to seek opportunities for process improvement and partnership growth. The Governance Council, at their January 18th meeting, will continue their discussion and reflection on the feedback provided by the Steering Committee.
- 2. Respiratory Season Update** – Dr. Mercer reported that the current spike in COVID seems to have peaked. She also reported that while we are seeing outbreaks in congregate care settings, including retirement home and long-term care homes, the outbreaks are not severe and are being well contained. A revised GW OHT Respiratory Surge Plan was presented and approved whereby a transition to an escalated response level will be at the direction of the Steering Committee (as opposed to being based on pre-determined values/percentages).
- 3. Home Care Integration Leading Practice** – The process to invite bids from Service Providers Organizations to be part of the GW OHT Leading Practice was launched on January 5th. Bids will be reviewed in early February. Additional work in support of the September 2024 launch of the ‘Home Care Integration Leading Practice’ includes clinical workflows, development of an integrated shared care plan and privacy & security.
- 4. Strategic Priority Focus – Improved Health Equity**
Katelyn Young, GW OHT Equity and Engagement Coordinator, provided an update about progress towards the goals within the ‘Improved Health Equity’ strategic priority, including:
 - a) Anti-Oppression Training:
 - Truth & Reconciliation Training in Q3/Q4 planned with Michael Etherington with 45 registrations from leadership across the GW OHT.
 - Next will be a focus on education regarding gender-affirming care
 - b) Global Diversity and Inclusivity Benchmarks (GDEIB): Partners across the GW OHT are working within their own organizations to complete a GDEIB category. GW OHT will continue to provide resources and make connections between partners to support this work, including evaluation.
 - c) Food Insecurity: 10 partner organizations are contributing to the development of a tool kit that includes educational resources to support an increase in the number of patients in GW OHT being screened for food insecurity. The tool kit will be shared with partners by the end of Q4.
 - d) Health Equity Data: Health Equity Questionnaire 3.0 has been developed with resources to support its use and is being implemented. GW OHT will continue to advocate to OH for the development of Equity Data Collection Guidelines.
 - e) HIV/AIDS & Gender Affirming Care: ‘GW OHT HIV/AIDS & Gender Affirming Care Advisory Group’ will assist the GW OHT in the next phase of system planning for HIV/AIDS and gender-affirming care. A consultant group has been hired to support this work.

- f) Engage Diverse Community Members: GW OHT has a diverse and active Patient and Family Advisory Committee (PFAC) as one means of engagement and integration of patient voice into our work. GW OHT will continue to support engagement with priority populations across the system. GW OHT will implement its newly developed engagement strategy to support meaningful inclusion of stakeholders in decision-making.

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)