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**To:** GW OHT Core Steering Committee  
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**Subject:** **GW OHT Core Steering Committee Key Messages – February 14, 2024**

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### **Key Messages**

The following are the Key Messages from the Guelph Wellington OHT (GW OHT) Steering Committee meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>. They can be shared as appropriate with your staff, clinicians, boards, and partners.

- 1. GW OHT 2024/25 Work Plan and Budget** – GW OHT Core Staff and Working Groups are developing their respective work plans, and associated budget requests, for 2024/25. Work plans are being developed to advance the GW OHT 2022- 2025 Strategic Priorities with priority focus on the IPCT model. Anticipated 2024/2025 OHT Implementation Funding deliverables are also being included. The budget will be presented for approval at the March Steering Committee meeting.
- 2. St. Joseph’s Health Centre Guelph (SJHCG) Transitional Care Proposal** – Steering Committee was asked to endorse a proposal from SJHCG to support earlier transition of patients home from rehab beds in an effort to increase system capacity. The proposal includes a request for funding from Ontario Health to purchase home care bundles of care to provide care for patients whose functional goals and needs can be safely met outside of a rehab bed. The Steering Committee provided its endorsement, in principle, to the SJHCG proposal as a key enabler of additional system capacity needed to achieve the GW OHT strategic goal to have “fewer residents waiting for care”.
- 3. Incorporation** – Considering recent provincial and local directions and developments, the Steering Committee endorsed a recommendation to defer a decision about initiating a process to attain not-for-profit incorporation until May 2024.
- 4. Home Care Integration Leading Practice** – The process to invite bids from Service Providers Organizations to be part of the GW OHT Leading Practice concluded on February 12 and GW OHT partners will be evaluating bids received. 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 readiness assessment.
- 5. Strategic Priority Focus – Stronger Integration and Communication**  
The Steering Committee received a presentation about the status of GW OHT work with Integrated Decision Support (IDS). Primary care data is not easily accessible, and therefore often missing from, system-level, population health analyses. In an effort to strengthen the GW OHT’s ability to demonstrate the foundational contributions of primary and in support of the IPCT model, a strategic focus of the GW OHT has been the contribution of data to IDS. The Steering Committee discussed both the benefits of IDS (IDS combines data from multiple health system sectors to enable a comprehensive population health planning and management approach allowing OHTs to understand both the overall health of their population, to segment the health of a primary care team/physician roster and the health status of individual patients) as well as some of the challenges (including data quality/coding, costs) as the OHT considers implications and feasibility of scale and spread of data contributions to IDS.

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