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SUBJECT: Government of Ontario Announces First Ontario Health Teams	DATE: November 25, 2019
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TO: Members, Affiliates and Stakeholders	

What's happening?

We are pleased to share that this morning, the Honourable Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, announced the Mississauga Ontario Health Team (Mississauga Health) as the first of 24 Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) in the province.

This welcome news comes after we presented our vision to a team of assessors from the Ministry during a community visit earlier this month. Together, our vision is to improve the health of people in the community by creating an interconnected system of care from prenatal care to birth to end-of-life, addressing physical, mental and emotional well-being.

Once again, we would like to thank each of you for your engagement, feedback and ongoing support over the past number of months to help us reach this milestone. Our success at each stage of the process is due to the true collaborative spirit of everyone involved.

Next steps

As an OHT we have a tremendous opportunity to improve the health of the community by working together and building on our strengths as a provider network. In the coming months, we will be working closely with the Ministry to define the next steps in our OHT journey. As we do so, we will be reaching out to members and affiliates to move this important work forward.

We have included a short Q&A below to help answer questions you may have about immediate next steps. A news release is also attached.

Stay informed

We are excited about the path forward and remain committed to keeping you informed as we move into Year 1. For more information about Mississauga Health, please visit www.moht.ca or email info@moht.ca if you have any questions, ideas or suggestions on how we can work together to advance the OHT model in Mississauga.

Please feel free to share this exciting news with your Boards, teams and networks.

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the immediate next steps for Mississauga Health?

Mississauga Health will be working closely with the Ministry of Health to define the next steps for implementing our plans for our first year. This will involve taking the necessary steps to work with members, affiliates and key stakeholders in the community to achieve our priorities in our first year and beyond.

What does this decision mean for members and affiliates?

As we establish Mississauga Health, members and affiliates will continue to be embedded in the decision making process. Once we receive further information and direction from the Ministry on our next steps, we will be reaching back out to members and affiliates to share more information and next steps for further collaboration.

What does this mean for patients, families and caregivers?

There will be no immediate change to services for patients, families and caregivers. As Mississauga Health matures, patients, families and caregivers will be able to more easily navigate the local health care system and will experience streamlined and coordinated transitions from one health care provider to another.

Patients, families and caregivers will be engaged in the design of these improved services, and as improvements are implemented, these changes will be communicated.

When will we expect to see system changes as a result of the OHT?

The implementation of the OHT model will be an ongoing process over the next several years, guided by the Ministry and local community leadership. The strategy we presented in our full application sees Mississauga Health realizing incremental change in phases moving forward, starting with the first phase in the year ahead. We will continue to work with the Ministry for guidance on implementing our model, developing achievable timelines, and engaging patients, families, caregivers and stakeholders on our path towards integrated care.

How will you be sharing information about the OHT?

As we establish the foundation for Mississauga Health, we will share more information about the model using a variety of communications channels including information sessions, updates to the Mississauga Health website and social media.

If you have questions about the Mississauga OHT, please reach us at info@moht.ca.