

Memo

SUBJECT: Mississauga Ontario Health Team Update	DATE: August 15, 2019
FROM: Michelle DiEmanuele, Chair	CC: M-OHT Governing Council
TO: Supporting Partners	

Where we are today

In July the Mississauga Ontario Health Team (M-OHT) partnership was invited to submit a Full Application to the Ministry of Health (MOH) to become an OHT. Of the 157 teams that submitted Readiness Self-Assessments to the MOH in May, ours is one of 31 to be invited to move on to the Full Application phase.

Thank you for your participation to date and your enthusiastic support of the M-OHT Readiness Self-Assessment. The Readiness Self-Assessment has been shared with the MOH and will be shared with those who have requested it from them as well.

We look forward to working with you on the next steps in our journey to becoming an OHT. As a valued partner, we are committed to keeping you informed throughout the application process for this OHT, and we are seeking your involvement to help design some of our first areas of focus.

Full Applications are due to the MOH on October 9, but our planning will continue together beyond this date as we collaborate to improve health in the community.

How we're working together

This work, including the submission of the initial proposal to the MOH, is being guided by an Interim Governing Council made up of leadership from the below OHT partners, who are providing support to lift the Full Application on behalf of the community. They include:

- Credit Valley Family Health Team
- Summerville Family Health Team
- CarePoint Health
- Home and Community Care
- Metamorphosis Network
- Peel Senior Link
- Heart House Hospice
- Peel Addiction Assessment and Referral Centre
- Trillium Health Partners

The planning and implementation work for the Full Application will have an Executive Lead, Dr. Mira Backo-Shannon, and Georgia Whitehead will be the Project Director for this phase.

Where we will focus

Where the OHT will focus in the short- and long-term is being driven by the health needs of the community. Our planning will take the whole person into account, including mental health and the social determinants of health.

At maturity, the Mississauga OHT will serve as an integrated health system that works together, with patients and providers and across sectors, to improve the overall health of the community. This collaborative approach is integral to addressing the capacity pressures our health system is facing and to improving health outcomes and the patient and provider experience.

Building on the work of the Readiness Self-Assessment, three key areas of focus have been identified for exploration in the Application Phase. In considering the areas where we will focus, evaluation has been based on: opportunity to make an impact on the health of our population, feasibility in this region and opportunity for system collaboration. Our first three areas of focus are:

- People at end of life (year 1)
- People presenting with minor acute genitourinary and/or gastrointestinal issues (year 1)
- Seniors with dementia (future)

Materials have been appended to provide more information about our population. To meet the needs of the community, additional areas of opportunity will be explored as we move toward maturity. In all of our work we will apply a mental health lens to ensure that both mental and physical needs are met.

Opportunities to get involved

Over the coming weeks and into the fall, we will be engaging with patients, family members, providers and community members as we develop the M-OHT Full Application. This will include information sessions as well as focused co-design sessions for year 1 planning. Specifically:

- **We invite you to join us on Friday, August 23 from 2:00 to 3:30 pm for a teleconference to learn more about the M-OHT and the key areas of focus for Year 1.** Details to follow in the coming days.
- We would like subject matter experts to be involved in developing our plans for Year 1. **If you would like to be involved in the design of our first two focus areas (people at end of life and people presenting with minor acute GI/GU), please email info@moht.ca.**

More information about OHTs

The MOH has made information resources available to support OHTs as they plan. This includes [RISE](#), supported by a grant from the MOH to the McMaster Health Forum, which offers additional information and resources to support the creation of OHTs.

Thank you again for your ongoing support for the creation of a Mississauga OHT. If you have any questions about the plan, please contact info@moht.ca. Please feel free to use this message with your stakeholders as you see fit.