



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members Board of Health
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SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Ontario Health Teams Update (BOH19020(a)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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COUNCIL DIRECTION

Not applicable.

INFORMATION

In follow up to the April 15, 2019 Board of Health Report (Ontario Health Teams (BOH19020)), the purpose of this Report and presentation is to provide Council with an update on the local Ontario Health Team development progress, focus, and next steps in the provincially led application and selection process.

Historical Background

As outlined in Report BOH19020, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) (now the Ministry of Health (MOH)) announced plans earlier this year to better connect the health care system by implementing local Ontario Health Teams (OHTs). OHTs are groups of providers and organizations that are clinically and fiscally accountable for delivering a full and co-ordinated continuum of care to a defined geographic population.

In April, the Ministry released a prescribed, multi-phased process for formal applications by health and social service agencies seeking to be selected an early implementer of the OHT concept.

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On May 15, 2019, a group of over 20 health and social service providers from across Hamilton, including hospitals, family medicine and primary care, home care, the City's Healthy and Safe Communities Department and other community agencies, co-chaired by two patient advocates, submitted an expression of interest (a self-assessment proposal) to be considered as an early implementer of the Ontario Health Team (OHT) model.

Upon review of the initial self-assessment proposals from across the province, the Ministry invited the Hamilton Health Team to move forward immediately in the next phase of the Ontario Health Team application and selection process by submitting a full application. The HHT self-assessment submission was selected amongst a group of over 150 other applicants from communities across Ontario and is one of 31 teams identified to move immediately ahead in the next phase. The Ministry has indicated that completed full applications must be submitted by October 9, 2019.

While still early in the process, being selected to move forward presents a significant opportunity for the Hamilton Health Team and partners to advance this pivotal new model for integrated health service delivery envisioned by the Government of Ontario.

The HHT steering committee continues to move forward in the planning process and preparation for the next phase of OHT readiness. Patient and partner engagement is central to the success of this initiative and a key area of focus in next steps. The team is committed to meaningfully engaging patients, families, caregivers, a broad array of partners and the communities served.

Next Steps

Staff from the Healthy and Safe Communities Department and the Corporate Services Department are providing input to the Hamilton Health Team full submission. The details of the full submission will be presented to Council in September as it is a requirement of the Ministry of Health that all partner organizations receive approval prior to submission.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None