Appendix A to Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee Report 22-002



Building community health together.

July 12, 2022

Dear Members of the Physician Recruitment and Retention Steering Committee,

I am pleased to submit this letter to express the Greater Hamilton Health Network's (GHHN) support of the proposal to transfer the City of Hamilton's Physician Recruitment and Retention Program (Hamilton Physicians) into our organization.

The GHHN strives to transform healthcare in Hamilton through partnerships with patients, care partners, and local healthcare organizations, and both the GHHN and Hamilton Physicians share a vision of improving access to care for all patients in the Hamilton area. It is our firm belief that this shared vision will allow both organizations to work together harmoniously to improve healthcare delivery in Hamilton.

With many of Hamilton Physicians' current funding partners represented on the GHHN's Executive Council, the proposed program transfer will maintain accountability to these stakeholders. We are also confident that the knowledge and resource sharing associated with this transfer will benefit both organizations and will represent a more efficient use of funds.

We acknowledge the importance of physician recruitment in Hamilton, and we are happy to support this work on a long-term basis. As we understand the complexity involved in such a transfer, we will be happy to work together moving forward to determine next steps and to help answer any questions or concerns that you may have.

Sincerely,

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