



INFORMATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	July 18, 2019
SUBJECT:	Hamilton Health Team Status (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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In May 2019, the Hamilton Health Team, a group of over 20 health and social service providers from across Hamilton, including hospitals, 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 the Ministry of Health (MOH) to be considered as an early implementer of the Ontario Health Team (OHT) model. The application and selection process is being led by the Ministry of Health (MOH). They received over 150 applications from communities across the province.

Today, Hamilton received formal notice from the Ministry of Health that the Hamilton Health Team (HHT) self-assessment submission was selected as one of the teams to move forward immediately in the process and submit a full application to create an Ontario Health Team (OHT). The government has indicated that approved OHTs will be announced in the fall of 2019, though this will be an evolving application process.

While still very early in this process, the Hamilton Health Team and its' council of partners looks forward to the opportunity to build a system that will improve care, better deliver services and strengthen community supports. Early adoption and successful implementation of the OHT concept also presents opportunity for Hamilton to be a real model for how integrated care and how OHT's can work in the province.

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

Next Steps

Since May 15, the team has been developing a Phase 2 Hamilton Health Team project structure to support the application with a specific focus on the Year 1 patient populations, identifying a plan for recruitment of patient representatives, and developing terms of reference in anticipation of being invited to submit a full application.

The Ministry has indicated that completed full applications must be submitted by October 9, 2019.

There is a great deal of coordination and work ahead in the development of the Hamilton Health Team application. A project structure with an Oversight and Coordination Secretariat and working groups have been established to support this work across the partner organizations. This team will be meeting this week to review the Ministry's guidance documents and criteria that will inform the development of the full Hamilton Health Team application.

A report and presentation will be made at the August 14 Board of Health meeting outlining the Ontario Health Team model, the Hamilton Health Team partners and any formal commitments the City would be required to make.

Should you require further information about the Hamilton Health Team planning please contact Paul Johnson, General Manager at ext. 5647 or Paul.Johnson@hamilton.ca.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

None