

Ontario Health Teams

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The People's Health Care Act

- The People's Health Care Act received third reading and Royal Assent on April 18th, 2019.
- The new act will result in significant changes to our current health care system, including:
 - The creation of Ontario Health, a consolidation of provincial health agencies;
 - The creation of Ontario Health Teams, which will bring together health providers like hospitals, long-term care homes, and primary care in one geography into a connected organization.
 - The creation of a single province-wide supply chain management model, and a permanent Patient and Family Advisory Council.

The People's Health Care Act (Cont'd)

- A 12 member Board of Directors was appointed for the Ontario Health Agency on March 8th, 2019.
- Order in Council (OIC) appointments for the Board members of other agencies including the LHINs, Cancer Care Ontario, etc. were revoked on March 8th.

Implementation of Ontario Health Teams

- Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) are being introduced to provide a new way of organizing and delivering services in local communities.
- Through this model, groups of health care providers will work together as a team to deliver a full and coordinated continuum of care for patients, even if they are not in the same organization or physical location.
- On April 3rd, 2019, the Ministry launched an open call for Self-Assessments for interested groups of providers and organizations to assess their readiness and begin working to meet key readiness criteria for implementation.
- Ministry webinars have been held to educate and inform providers.

Implementation of Ontario Health Teams (cont'd)

- The Ministry of Health asked for submissions from those communities who were interested in submitting a readiness assessment by May 15th
- 150 readiness assessments were received from across the province - 74 of these submissions were identified by the ministry as meeting the “core components”
- 31 of the 74 submissions have been invited to move to the next stage, and have been requested to submit a full application
- The remaining 43 submissions have been identified as “in-development” and require more work before advancing
- The number of OHTs to be approved in this first round has not been confirmed, but references have been made to approximately 8-10

Planning Underway in Grey Bruce

Meeting of Health Service Providers in Grey Bruce

- Health service providers (hospitals, family health teams, long-term care homes, home care, community support agencies and others) from across Grey Bruce have met five times over the last 5 months.
- In addition, engagement sessions were held on May 9th and June 26th in Markdale and Hanover for primary care providers.
- A Governance Education session was held on July 18th for health service provider Board members, CEOs and Executive Directors across Grey Bruce
- **Planning Committee has been established**
 - It is a work group of the Grey Bruce Integrated Health Coalition, a network of health service providers which has existed for over 20 years.

Planning Underway in Grey Bruce (Cont'd)

- **No Submission of a Readiness Assessment in May**
 - Although we are well positioned, there is agreement that there is more work to complete before Grey Bruce is ready to formally advance an OHT.
 - Grey Bruce did not submit a readiness assessment on May 15th.
- **Letter sent to Deputy Minister on a Fall Submission**
 - Confirms our intent to submit a readiness assessment in Fall 2019
 - We can also watch closely as the 8-10 early adopter OHTs begin their work this summer and fall
- **Planned submission of Readiness Assessment for December 5, 2019**
 - Small working group has worked together to complete a draft Readiness Assessment
 - Currently reviewing and finalizing it; will present “final” draft for feedback

Readiness Assessment

Year 1 Focus:

Supporting Care Transitions
of Frail Seniors



Supporting Patients Living with
Mental Health and Addictions



Next Steps



Website Development Underway

- A common, accessible place for health providers, organizations and the general public to receive information about the work and planned activities for the GB OHT
- We will keep you all posted on the launch date of this

Engagement Will Continue:

- Planned sessions along the northern shoreline to engage primary care
- Planned sessions with Municipalities

Questions?

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