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Connected Care Halton (Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville) Ontario Health Team receives green light to submit full application

The establishment of an Ontario Health Team (OHT) in Halton Region is one step closer following Ministry of Health (MOH) approval for the partners of the proposed Connected Care Halton (Halton Hills, Milton, and Oakville) OHT to submit a full application.

The Connected Care Halton OHT Readiness Assessment was submitted on behalf of five partner organizations including Halton Region, Acclaim Health, the Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network, Dr. Kristianna Martiniuk and Halton Healthcare.

In addition to the five partners, there were more than 80 primary care physicians and 27 health service provider organizations in the Halton communities that signed an expression of interest to continue planning discussions with the Connected Care Halton OHT.

The Connected Care Halton OHT submission was acknowledged for its “demonstration of strong commitment to all OHT model components and showed a high degree of readiness to complete a full application and potential to successfully implement the OHT model.”

Ontario Health Teams are part of the MOH’s broader health system transformation strategy to enable patients, families, communities and providers to work together to achieve better population health outcomes. These integrated care teams will be responsible for delivering care for their patients, understanding their health care history, directly connecting them to the different types of care they need, and helping 24/7 in navigating the health care system.

More than 150 Readiness Assessment applications to establish Ontario Health Teams were received by the Ministry of Health by the May 15, 2019 deadline. The assessments were evaluated and placed into one of three categories including: “in discovery”, “in development” and “full application”. The Connected Care Halton (Halton Hills, Milton & Oakville) OHT submission was one of 31 across the province selected to complete the full OHT application at this time.

The next step involves the preparation of a more in-depth submission over the coming months. This work will include engaging patients, families and other health system partners in the planning. The full application must be submitted by October 9, 2019.

Quotes

“It is our collective belief that the 350,000 residents of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville would be well-served by the presence of an Ontario Health Team and that it would be a significant advancement toward connecting care and achieving the government’s Quadruple Aim® of health for the people we serve.”

Denise Hardenne, President and CEO of Halton Healthcare

“Patients and families have been asking for a more integrated health care system, and this is an exciting opportunity to use our expertise in the home care and community support sectors to achieve better population health, better patient experiences, reduced costs and a better care team experience. We are delighted to be submitting a full application along with our partners.”

Angela Brewer, CEO of Acclaim Health.

“Halton Region has a long history of success with respect to collaborative planning for the integrated delivery of health care and community safety and well-being. By continuing to work in partnership with our local and provincial governments, as well as organizations across the region, we are ensuring Halton will remain a safe and healthy community.”

Jane MacCaskill, Chief Administrative Officer of Halton Region.

“Our approach to health and social service transformation will be founded on a philosophy of patient-centered care and a population health approach. The opportunity to introduce an Ontario Health Team into our local communities will enable everyone involved in care to more effectively and efficiently contribute to those outcomes.”

Dr. Kristianna Martiniuk, an Oakville-based Primary Care physician

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About Halton Healthcare:

Halton Healthcare is a healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together these hospitals, along with their community locations, provide healthcare services to nearly 400,000 residents in the communities of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. Halton Healthcare hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. For more information, visit www.haltonhealthcare.com.

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