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Purpose

The purpose of this briefing note is to provide Haldimand County with an update on recent developments in the evolution of the Haldimand Ontario Health Team (OHT).

What is an Ontario Health Team?

The Ministry defines an OHT as a group of providers and organizations that are clinically and fiscally accountable for delivering a full and coordinated continuum of care to a defined attributed population. The intent of the Ontario Health Team model is to allow providers to deliver better, faster, more coordinated and patient-centred care. The overall goal is for patients to receive all their care from one team – including primary care, hospital services, mental health and addictions services, long-term care and home and community care.

Under this model, providers are expected to leverage existing strengths and partnerships and work together towards common goals related to improved health outcomes, patient and provider experience. The model will fundamentally redesign relationships and accountabilities in the sector, and provide incentives for OHTs to scale, and spread quickly.

Our membership

Since we last presented at council, the team has continued to grow and add new members to the OHT. Providers from across the county have been working together in order to ensure that the we continue to plan for the best possible outcomes for our population. Today, the members of the team are:

- Alzheimer Society of Brant, Haldimand, Norfolk, Hamilton, Halton
- Canadian Mental Health Association, Brant-Haldimand-Norfolk Branch
- Edgewater Gardens Long-term Care
- Haldimand Family Health Team
- Haldimand War Memorial Hospital
- Midwives of East Erie
- Thrive Group (Capability Support Services)
- True Experience Supportive Housing & Community Work Program
- Community And Mental Health Services of Haldimand and Norfolk
- West Haldimand Hospital
- Young Caregivers



Status Update

In recent months, the Ministry of Health strongly suggested that Haldimand Health enter into exploratory partnership conversations with the Hamilton OHT, based on the attributed population model findings. We subsequently expressed our openness to pursuing conversations that would respect and protect the autonomy of local planning of health services in Haldimand and that any partnership contemplated must take into account the sub-urban/rural, health care service needs and vast geography of Haldimand.

We have recently contacted the Hamilton OHT to initiate these conversations. We are expected to meet in January 2021 to look into ways that the two teams can work together to advance the care in the region.

Additionally, the Ministry recently confirmed that it will provide a third-party facilitator to the Haldimand team and the Hamilton Health Team to support the teams' collaboration moving forward.

Next Steps

As we continue to work towards developing a system of care for the people of Haldimand, we would welcome the opportunity to work closely with Haldimand County to advance the interests of our population. The partners in the Haldimand OHT would be happy to provide a more in depth briefing to council if desired.