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## Purpose

The purpose of this briefing note is to provide an update to the Board of Directors of the member organizations of Haldimand Health.

## Update on the Ministry's Transformation Agenda

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) continues to move forward with the expansion of Ontario Health Teams (OHTs). As of September 2021, there are 50 Ontario Health Teams covering 92 per cent of the province's population at maturity. The ministry continues to focus on building up teams in areas that don't already have approved teams in place.

## Status of Haldimand Health Today

Early in 2021, the Ministry of Health directed Haldimand Health to explore partnership with the Hamilton Health Team as a single OHT. This partnership aligns with Haldimand's attributed population. Significant relationship building has taken place and the Hamilton Health Team changed their name to the Greater Hamilton Health Network (GHHN) to reflect the larger catchment area of Hamilton, Haldimand and Niagara North West. Haldimand has representation at the Governance, Digital, Primary Care and Partnership tables, as well as multiple working groups. Additionally, Haldimand representation has recently been included at the GHHN executive table.

The Ministry has offered to financially support this integration through an integration lead position that will continue to build on the alignment of these two teams. The Ministry has acknowledged that the Hamilton Haldimand OHT partnership has no defined roadmap, allowing us to develop the GHHN in a way that best serves our collective communities.

## Next Steps

The GHHN is in the process of becoming a not-for-profit OHT. Work has taken place to establish a governance structure that will include Haldimand representation at the board, stakeholder council, as well as representation at various secretariats and working groups.

Hiring an Integration Lead will be a priority in the coming months. Additionally, an FAQ (attached) has been developed to support ongoing communication with stakeholders. Communications will be sent out in the following weeks to our partners and community to re-establish connections as we join the GHHN.