

HURON PERTH & AREA ONTARIO HEALTH TEAM

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Huron Perth and Area Ontario Health Team Submit Full Application and Vie for Ministry Approval

The proposed Huron Perth and Area Ontario Health Team (HPA-OHT) submitted their Full Application to become one of the first Ontario Health Teams. On October 9, 2019 – 61 health service organizations signed off on the application detailing how they would collaborate to provide a vision of “sustainable people-driven system that strives to provide a positive experience for all”.

If approved by the Ministry of Health, Year 1 for the HPA-OHT would integrate a full suite of healthcare services across a geography of 147,500+ in Huron Perth and Area. The team would start by strengthening navigation, care coordination and communication for three target populations: complex, palliative and mental health and addiction patients. The HPA-OHT comprises 61 members from various health sectors, including: Community Support Services, Home Care, Hospitals, Long-Term Care, Mental Health and Addictions, Primary Care Providers and includes Emergency Medical Services, Palliative and Midwifery Services.

After Ministry approval was received in July 2019, the OHT logged over 2000 engagement hours with all member organizations to determine a proposed way forward, including decisions around, for example: governance, transformation plans, home care and digital health changes. The HPA-OHT development process involved patients, clients, caregiver representatives and as indicated by Anne Marie Heckman, Patient Partner: **“Anything that has the potential to cut red tape and make healthcare more user-friendly is a welcome benefit. ‘No wrong door’ and one intake process across agencies with inter-agency sharing of client information is welcome.”**

Barbara Fewster, another Patient Partner involved in the HPA-OHT development process states: **“It has been a great learning experience and I have met so many wonderful people because of my involvement. I am also impressed with the dedication and commitment of all the members of the team.”**

The HPA-OHT includes local primary care physicians and the Team looks forward to collaborating further with all physicians and healthcare providers. **“The benefits of the OHT structure will be streamlined access to, and high satisfaction with, excellent quality health care,”** says Dr. Sean Blaine, Family Doctor with the STAR Family Health Team. **“Care will be provided by the right provider, at the right time and in the right places. OHTs will allow patients, families and caregivers to know what has happened regarding care as they navigate with confidence through a comprehensive and fully integrated array of multi-tiered health services and programs”.**

The Ministry of Health is expected to announce the first round of Ontario Health Teams later this fall. The HPA-OHT is waiting anxiously for these results, however, in the mean time will continue work to streamline and integrate for the many patients, families and caregivers using the healthcare system in our region.

Good luck to the HPA-OHT!

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****Full Application Signatories****

Emergency Medical Services

- Perth County Emergency Paramedic Services
- Huron County Paramedic Services

Home Care and Community Support Services

- Alzheimer Society of Huron County
- Alzheimer Society of Perth County
- Blue Water Rest Home Community Connections
- CarePartners
- CBI Limited
- Cheshire Independent Living Services
- Dale Brain Injury Services
- Epilepsy Southwestern Ontario
- Family Services Perth-Huron
- Mitchell & Area Community Outreach
- ONE CARE Home & Community Support Services
- Participation House Support Services (PHSS)
- St. Marys and Area Mobility Service
- Town of St. Marys Home Support Services
- Victorian Order of Nurses for Canada – Ontario Branch

Hospitals

- Alexandra Marine and General Hospital
- Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance
 - Clinton Public Hospital
 - St. Marys Memorial Hospital
 - Seaforth Community Hospital
 - Stratford General Hospital
- Listowel Wingham Hospitals Alliance
 - Listowel Memorial Hospital
 - Wingham & District Hospital
- South Huron Hospital Association

Long-Term Care Homes

- Blue Water Rest Home
- Braemar Retirement Centre
- Exeter Villa
- Greenwood Court
- Huronlea Home for the Aged
- Huronview Home for the Aged
- Knollcrest Lodge

- peopleCare
- Queensway Long Term Care & Retirement Community
- Ritz Lutheran Villa/Mitchell Nursing Home
- Seaforth Long-Term Care & Seaforth Retirement Community
- Spruce Lodge

Mental Health & Addictions

- Canadian Mental Health Association - Huron Perth
- Canadian Mental Health Association - Middlesex
- Choices for Change: Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Counselling Centre
- Huron-Perth Centre for Children & Youth

Midwifery Services

- Countryside Midwifery Service
- Huron Midwifery Service
- Stratford Midwives

Palliative Care & Residential Hospices

- Huron Hospice
- Jessica's House Residential Hospice
- North Perth Community Hospice
- Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth

Primary Care:

- Bluewater Area Family Health Team
- Clinton Family Health Organization
- Clinton Family Health Team
- Exeter Family Health Organization
- Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre
- Happy Valley Family Health Team
- Huron Community Family Health Team
- Listowel Clinic Family Health Network
 - Dr. Lauren Hayward
 - Dr. Russell Latuskie
 - Dr. Arif Qureshi
 - Dr. Elizabeth Seary
 - Dr. Terry Suggitt
- Maitland Valley Family Health Team
- Mitchell Family Health Organization
- North Huron Family Health Team
- St. Marys Medical Clinic Family Health Organization
- Seaforth & Area Family Health Organization
- STAR Family Health Organization
- STAR Family Health Team
- Stratford Family Health Team
- Stratford Family Health Organization

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