

Briefing Note

TO: Affiliates to the CKL OHT
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RE: Ontario Health Team – Update

Hello Everyone:

We hope you are enjoying your summer! On July 18, 2019 we received official notice from the Ministry regarding the status of our Ontario Health Team submission. There were 157 applications. Of those, the Ministry has identified that 31 teams are ready to Proceed to Application and 43 are In Development. The majority of the remaining teams have been designated as “In Discovery.”

We have been designated as “In Development” and as such have been assigned a Ministry Relationship Manager to assist us in moving forward. We are setting up the initial meeting to understand our next steps and the resources available to help us. We are truly thrilled!

The Ministry stated there is little difference between the “Proceed to Application” and “In Development” groups as defined below.

- **Proceed to Full Application** – These teams have partners across the continuum of care. They are highly aligned with the model, have a high level of readiness and are well-positioned to complete the full application.
- **In Development** (Our status) – These teams have partners who represent the continuum of care, are committed to the model and with a bit more work will be well positioned to complete the full application.
- **In Discovery** – These health care providers support the model. They are encouraged to expand their partnerships and work with other local providers in alignment with the criteria outlined in the Ministry’s guidance document. The ministry will be publishing the full slate of OHTs in the coming weeks. One of the options for those in the In Discovery group will be to consider joining one of the 74 OHTs.

The Ministry has outlined two areas of focus for us in moving forward: (a) data; and (b) digital health. That is what we were anticipating and we are happy to have access to ministry resources to help us! We are working on a joint media release, until that time, please keep communications local.

Thank you for your ongoing support and input and we look forward to working with you as we further develop our Ontario Health Team.