

Briefing Note

TO: Kawartha Lakes OHT Members and Affiliates
FROM: Veronica Nelson, CEO, RMH (Interim) & Barb Mildon, CEO, Community Care
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RE: **Ontario Health Team – Update #2**

Hello Everyone:

We hope you are enjoying your summer! As you are aware, on July 18, 2019 we received official notice from the Ministry regarding the status of our Ontario Health Team submission. We have been designated as ***In Development***, defined as teams that 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.

Resources and Support

On August 15, 2019, we teleconferenced with Gabriela Martinez, our assigned Ministry Relationship Manager who will assist us by providing information and supports; by liaising with the Ministry regarding our questions; and by sharing resources and webinars that come available.

We continue to attend the many webinars being offered regarding the development of OHTs. For your interest, the links below will provide you with valuable information. Anyone is able to subscribe to these sites should you choose to be kept informed in real-time of upcoming webinars and resources.

Ministry of Health – guidance documents, processes and webinar information.

<http://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/connectedcare/oht/default.aspx>

RISE – resources including briefs, monthly newsletters and event information. ‘Access Resources’ is a good place to start focussing on RISE Briefs 1, 2 and 4.

https://www.mcmasterforum.org/rise?gclid=EAlaIQobChMI2fPdtuKH5AIVh56fCh07Dg9nEAAAYASAAEgKuOvD_BwE

Next Steps

The Ministry has outlined two areas of focus for our OHT: (a) data; and (b) digital health. We will be receiving our complete data package in the coming weeks followed by a deep dive discussion with the Ministry. They are also in the process of finalizing a digital playbook that will help guide our digital health service planning. We anticipate a late September/early October release for this.

At the same time, the Ministry is mapping the process for those OHTs that are in the ***In Development*** phase. Until then, we have been encouraged to view the questions and level of information available in the Full Application; however, we are not required nor in a position to complete that document.

Once we have received the supports and resources outlined above we will be back in touch to reconvene to advance development of our OHT. Thank you for your ongoing support for the Kawartha Lakes Ontario Health Team.