

Ontario Health Team – Update #6

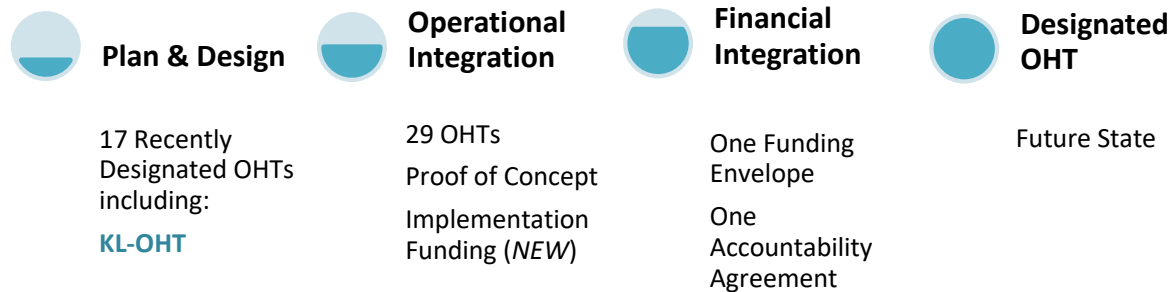
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Hello Everyone:

What a relief to feel the summer rain after the record-setting July heat!

On July 23, 2020, the Kawartha Lakes Ontario Health Team was invited to submit its [Full Application](#). The ministry has been responsive to the feedback from the initial cohort of OHT applicants, revising the new application to be less onerous with a COVID pandemic response focus. The application requires sign-off by each organization's Board. We aim to provide the final document ready for signature on **September 11, 2020**. Please let us know immediately if you foresee any barriers.

KL-OHT continues its momentum through the OHT evolution. During the Plan and Design phase, we may experience an on-site visit from the ministry's evaluation team.



Highlights

- i. **Provincial Coverage.** The ministry is working towards ensuring provincial coverage by focusing on areas with limited OHT activity.
- ii. **Collaborative Decision-Making.** References to an OHT governance framework have been replaced with the Collaborative Decision-Making (CDM) model. In July, the ministry released the guidance document [Collaborative Decision-Making Arrangements for a Connected Health Care System](#) which is more reflective of how we will work together at the operational and integration stages. The Interim OHT Agreement and the Statement of Partnership Commitment that was recently signed covers all requirements except for formally identifying a qualified entity who members agree will receive and manage any one-time implementation funds on behalf of the OHT. To qualify for implementation funding, all CDM requirements must be in place.
- iii. **Flexibility.** The application is to be submitted to the ministry by September 18, 2020 with results by October 19, 2020 (pending any unanticipated delays associated with COVID-19 Wave 2). However, if we are unable to meet this timeline due to capacity concerns associated with COVID Wave 2/Flu preparedness and response, future submission dates will be announced in the fall. With the streamlined application and your help, we are confident that we will meet the September 18th submission deadline.

Kawartha Lakes OHT

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Next Steps

- a. Circulate the completed Full Application for Board and CEO signature beginning September 11, 2020.
- b. Circulate an OHT Funding Addendum to identify which entity who members agree will receive and manage any one-time implementation funds on behalf of the OHT for Board and CEO signature.

KL-OHT Committees and Working Groups are working tenaciously towards **connecting local care**.

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Kawartha Lakes OHT!