



Melissa Minutes

By **Melissa McCallum**
GHHN Director

Happy Summer Everyone,

I hope all of you are all able to take some time to rest, recharge and enjoy some fun this summer. As we move into the last half of 2021, we continue to work together to better integrate care in our priority areas, and recognize the importance of building in Covid-19 recovery planning. Recovery planning will be shared work across the whole system, but we have seen how innovation and creativity has prevailed to improve the lives of people in our community, and I look forward to this continuing!

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Partnership Council

August 23rd
1:00-2:30pm
via Zoom



Have questions?

We would love to hear from you! Email us at info@hht-on.ca

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You have all been asked to do so much and responded with strong leadership, innovation and with community at the forefront. We know that at times it may seem like new mandates and priorities are never ending, coming from all directions, and we appreciate the flexibility and commitment of our partners and collaborators. There are a lot of moving parts to the GHHN these days and we are excited about the new opportunities this brings. Some specific things we are looking forward to is sharing the Health Equity report and creating an action plan, bringing on a new manager of Health Equity and Strategic Initiatives and furthering the work in each of the congregate care streams, amongst all the other priorities! All of this work is only achievable by working as a collective. Thank you for your continued time, dedication and the expertise you lend to the Greater Hamilton Health Network. I hope there are a few less “zoom’s” coming your way over the next few weeks, thank you everyone!



Here we grow again!

New position coming soon

The Greater Hamilton Health Network is expanding! The new position, Manager of Health Equity and Strategic Priorities, will work with the Equity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Steering Committee to support the development and delivery of integrated and seamless care that is rooted in anti-racism and equitable approaches to population health. The Manager will also support the implementation of the GHHN Equity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism Framework and Action Plan as well as provide support to additional strategic initiatives as they emerge.

The posting closed on July 9th with an anticipated start date in August 2021.



Building healthcare together through engagement!

GHHN Engagement



The Greater Hamilton Health Network is working alongside people with lived and living experience (patients, families and caregivers) as partners to co-design the GHHN engagement strategy. The engagement strategy will set out overarching principles that will guide and embed these essential partners in the work of the GHHN. This strategy will serve as an ongoing demonstration of the GHHN's commitment to engagement and building a health care system that is connected, strengthened and patient centred.

The team has developed a draft outline of the models of engagement, provided input into governance development, is working to develop terminology that is reflective of our communities, and is in the process of developing an outline of the various roles and experience needed to support the engagement models.

Engagement is foundational to the work of the GHHN, simply put, we believe that services and systems co-designed with people with lived experience are better for everyone involved,



Sarah Precious
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Communications



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and we are grateful to have such a strong group of committed individuals leading this work!

Engagement will be an ongoing journey of learning, unlearning, and growing together as we build a connected patient centred healthcare system. We look forward to unveiling our engagement strategy in Fall 2021, please stay tuned for an open call for Patient Engagement roles!



Going Green

McMaster Sustainability students partner on GHHN priorities

The GHHN has provided two McMaster Student groups from the Sustain 2SS3, Advocating for Sustainability class, with the opportunity to work on two unique projects (over the summer) that will support GHHN priorities. The first is a student group focusing on Health Equity, looking at local and global research to develop recommendations that will have the greatest impact on local health outcomes, share lessons learned, and develop visual products to communicate important information. The second group is working with Dr. Brian McKenna, Marijka (Hamilton Family Health Team), and Melissa (GHHN) on a Long Term Care Home, Green Initiatives project.

This group will develop recommendations of how to implement a plant-rich diet in long-term care homes and investigate how plant-rich diets can help with chronic diseases. We look forward to their report and social media campaign!

A special thank you to Dr. Meghan Davis, Marijke Jurriaans and the Green Team for offering their support, expertise and permission to use their research for this project; and to Dr. Brian McKenna for leading the Long Term Care Home green initiative project with the students!

DATES TO REMEMBER



August 23rd

Next Partnership Council Meeting



August 25 and 26

Women's Health Drop-In Days



September 28th

Save the Date!
GHHN "Building Community Health Event"

In the News!

Hamilton Surgical Transitions Remote Care Monitoring program

The Hamilton Surgical Transitions Remote Care Monitoring program is an OHT initiated pilot project that is providing patients with new virtual care options, to support surgical care transitions.

<https://www.hamiltonhealthsciences.ca/share/hamilton-surgical-transitions-remote-care-monitoring-program-addresses-covid-19-surgical-backlog-and-helps-patients-get-home-faster/>



Digital Health Updates



New funding opportunities have been announced by Ontario Health to support digital OHT maturity and health system recovery. These opportunities include:

- Integrated Virtual Care
- Surgical Transitions
- Virtual Home and Community Care
- OHT Patient Navigation and Health Care Navigation Service Alignment Planning Resource

If you are interested in learning more about these opportunities or if your organization would like to support the development of a proposal, please contact Ceara Holditch (cholditc@stjoes.ca) for more information.

A Virtual Urgent Care program sustainment proposal was submitted to Ontario Health for continued funding through FY 2021-22. This program is currently operational and supported by Hamilton Health Sciences, St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton, and London Health Sciences.

The Ontario Health West Secure Communications Working Group continues to explore the current state of secure communication systems across the region.

IDS continues to work with:

- The GHHN team on evaluating OHT data for the priority populations,
- The GHHN team on evaluating OHT data for provincial system-wide metrics,
- Indwell on another community mental health pilot, and
- Other member organizations (including the Hamilton Family Health Team, Hamilton Paramedic Services, and other community organizations) on integrating with IDS.



Ceara Holditch
Project Analyst



**Next Digital Health
Secretariat Meeting**
August 20, 2021



Free

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Health Drop-In Days

HEALTH SERVICES . FOOD . ENTERTAINMENT

AUGUST 25 & 26, 2021

12-4 PM

WILLOW'S PLACE

196 WENTWORTH ST N



Women's Health Drop-In Days

August 25th and 26th

The Greater Hamilton Health Network partners are working to build a more connected health care system for all local females who are experiencing homelessness.



Local partners are coming together August 25 and 26 from 12 pm-4pm (both days) at Willow's Place to provide Women's Health Drop-in Days. These Drop-in Days will provide local women with access to free health care services, peer support, entertainment, wellness activities and more. Doctors, nurse practitioners, nurses, and other health care providers will be on site to offer free clinical services including exams, testing, contraceptives, and vaccines. Other supports and community booths will include wellness and art activities, giveaways, and prizes. We know that health equity leads to better health outcomes, and that it takes a community response to build hope, health and belonging. These days will offer an opportunity for the Greater Hamilton Health Network partners to introduce themselves to local females and begin the journey to co-design supports and services alongside them. For more information, to make a donation, or volunteer contact sarah.precious@hht-on.ca.



Megan Lynch
Manager of Priority Populations





Building Community Health Event

Save the date, September 28th 2021

This GHHN event will bring together our partners, community organizations and patients, families, and care partners to share our bold vision for the future of health care, how we are building community health together in the Greater Hamilton area, to recount the progress of the past year, share lessons learned and grow as a network.

This year at the event the GHHN will be focusing on Health Equity in Health care, sharing their recently completed Health Equity Report, officially launching their new website and branding, and sharing their co-designed engagement strategy.

We look forward to this being an annual event, to continue these important discussions and work that will serve as a foundation in building a connected and patient centered health care system.

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