



Melissa Minutes

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GHHN Director

Happy September everyone.

For those with kids going back to school like me, it feels like a relief and it can also bring on feelings of anxiety.

Covid-19 seems like it still dominates so much of our time and efforts. However, there are a lot of things to be excited about at the GHHN. There is no shortage of work to go around but it feels like we are really progressing as a network, especially in the areas of governance, communications, engagement, primary care, and virtual care.

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October 26th
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 will be hearing more about the Women experiencing homelessness, Women's Health Drop-In Days but I wanted to personally thank all of the volunteers and organizations that brought everything they could to the table to create low-barrier services for vulnerable women. The days were filled with education, screening, primary care, testing, vaccinations, food and giveaways. I personally learned the value of having one on one conversations with women and how important it is to care for our most vulnerable. A very special thank you to the peers from Keeping Six: Marcie, Dani, Dee and Jammy for providing on site peer to peer support throughout the two days. It was truly a building community event we hope to replicate again soon. I hope everyone has a healthy September and looking forward to seeing you at our Building Community event on September 28th.



Here we grow again!

Welcome Mia Laronde

The Greater Hamilton Health Network is excited to introduce Mia Laronde as the new Manager of Health Equity and Strategic Priorities.

In her role as Manager of Health Equity and Strategic Initiatives, Mia will be responsible for the implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the GHHN Equity, Inclusion, Diversity, Anti-Racism, and Anti-Oppression Framework to support the GHHN's goal of integrated care that is rooted in anti-racism and equitable approaches to population health.

Mia brings with her a passion for anti-oppression work in addition to using her experience and intersecting identities to guide the GHHN towards equitable outcomes for the diverse populations served. Informing Mia's work in health equity are degrees in political science and sociology, her frontline experience organizing supports and events for the 2SLGBTQ+ and unhoused communities in Hamilton with a focus on self-governance and mutual aid, and lived experience navigating health services as a marginalized person.





New Executive Chair and Member GHHN Executive Council

Last month we officially said goodbye to Paul Johnson and thanked him for his years of service and leadership. Among all of his roles within the City of Hamilton and the Greater Hamilton Health Network, he was also the Executive Council Chair of the GHHN.

We are pleased to announce Melissa Farrell will be the Interim Chair of the GHHN Executive Council.

We also welcome Grace Mater to the GHHN Executive Council as the City of Hamilton representative.

A special thank you to our Executive Council and Partnership for your ongoing commitment, leadership and support.

We look forward to Building Community Health Together.



Governance

Updates

The GHHN's collective work to become a non-profit corporation governed by a Board of Directors took major steps forward over the summer. While this journey began last November with a series of in-depth consultations led by Ernst and Young, and was supported by the Health Equity Framework development led by Adrianna Tetley in the Spring, this last two months has resulted in a draft set of Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and Governance Manual. The GHHN is the first OHT in the Province to pursue the path to incorporation, although since our work began last winter, several other OHT's have expressed a similar intent.

The GHHN has held three working sessions with member organizations to get input on key issues of how the corporation will operate in terms of membership and Board structure, the creation of sector and stakeholder "councils", and the requirements and expectations of members.

While the details are still being finalized, we can expect:

- The GHHN Board will focus on supporting the "eco-system" of the health system to best meet the needs of patients, initially through a "collective impact" model;
- A mix of board seats between sector and stakeholder representatives, and independent Directors to round out the Board's skills and expertise;
- A relatively broad and open membership for organizations with clear rights and responsibilities;
- The formation of a Primary Care Council, Patient/Family/Caregiver Council, and a Health Equity Council – each of which will have Board seats.

The Executive Council is hoping to formally incorporate this Fall, and have the new Board of Directors in place in early 2022.

One of the key messages throughout the consultations has been to remember this is a transitional step. As the GHHN has done since its inception, we have built on the previous governance arrangements in a way that we think will best serve patients and health care providers. We recognize that governance of the GHHN will continue to evolve as our partnerships mature, and as the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health give additional guidance on the role and responsibility of OHT's.



Margaret's Place Hospice at St. Joseph's Villa

Opening September 7th, 2021

St. Joseph's
Villa  Dundas

MARGARET'S  PLACE
Hospice at St. Joseph's Villa

As of September 7th, 2021, Margaret's Place Hospice at St. Joseph's Villa opened its doors to residents and families requiring end of life care and support in the community.

Located at 170 Ogilvie Street in Dundas, and nestled along the Spring Creek Ravine, Margaret's Place is home to 6 hospice residence beds, 4 hospice respite beds as well as goals for collaborative outreach, wellness and support programs.

Margaret's Place Hospice care will be supported through a multi-disciplinary team and blended medical model, where family physicians will continue to care for their patients within the hospice. We are pleased that residents, staff and physicians will have the support and clinical expertise of our newly appointed hospice medical director, Dr. Anne Boyle.

We are now accepting referrals for the 6 hospice residence beds at Margaret's Place, through Home and Community Care Support Services. The hospice respite bed program, aimed at caregiver relief and support, will begin in October 2021. All admissions will be coordinated through the Nurse Navigator Dawn Martin, at dmartin@sjv.on.ca.



For any enquires, please contact Mieke Ewen, Chief Operating Officer 905-627-3541 ex 2223.





Media Update

New ways for the GHHN to connect and share

DATES TO REMEMBER



September 23

Enabling Aging Well in Canada

To register:

https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUucuisrz0tG9J_4fJPZ7IsQmzWGiyik4mG



September 28

Building Community Health Event



October 4-7

North American Conference on Integrated care

<https://integratedcarefoundation.org/events/nacic2021-1st-north-american-conference-on-integrated-care-toronto-canada>



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