



## Melissa Minutes

By **Melissa McCallum**  
GHHN Director

Hi everyone and happy November! I want to personally welcome our Haldimand partners to the GHHN. As many of you know, we are continuing to integrate with Haldimand and we are so thankful the Network is beginning to think of both areas as one OHT. We have received strong signals from the ministry that they will support this work with additional integration funding, which is very welcomed.

I know the last few months have been very busy with governance work, there have been consultation sessions, emails, information manuals, and presentations. (Page. 2)

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### Partnership Council

December 14th  
1:00-2:00pm  
via Zoom



### We need your input!

Don't forget to fill out the Environmental Sustainability and Translation Services surveys! Coming soon- Patient Navigation survey.



# Melisa Minutes

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If you need further clarification on any of this work, please feel free to reach out to me – I recognize there are a lot of moving parts these days. I hope you are receiving the communication you need to make decisions and/or stay informed but we are always open to feedback on how to improve this.

A very special thank you to those who signed up for the new primary governance groups and our refreshed health equity council! We had an amazing expression of interest for both groups and we are thrilled to start advancing this work with all of you.

There will be plenty more opportunities to be involved in GHHN work in the next few weeks and months, such as patient advisor groups and women's health drop-in days! Have a healthy and safe November and see you at our December Partnership Meeting.



## Patient, Family and Care Partner Leadership Network- Open Call!

**Applications Due November 26th**

The GHHN is holding an open call for Patient Advisor positions within the GHHN.

Patient Advisors have been integral partners of the GHHN from the beginning, and over the past several months patients, families, care partners and the GHHN have been co-designing Engagement and preparing for these additional roles.

The GHHN is committed to engaging patients, families, care partners, organizations, our communities, and primary care in co-designing and transforming the healthcare system at the personal, program, and system levels in the greater Hamilton area. We are excited for this next step in our journey and look forward to building community health together.

If you have questions or would like to request an application please email, [info@ghhn.ca](mailto:info@ghhn.ca)



# Hamilton Long Term Care Collaborative

## Formed April 2021

The GHHN has identified LTC as a priority population and in response has created the Hamilton Long-Term Care Collaborative (HLTCC). The HLTCC is comprised of a designated group of interdisciplinary professionals seeking to engage LTC homes in dialogue regarding priority areas. Building on the collaborative momentum from the pandemic, the mandate of the HLTCC is to enhance resident and staff experience as well as resident health outcomes through an optimized process of dialogue, collaboration, and integration. Updates will be communicated via email and this newsletter as the work progresses.

### Co-chairs

- Holly Odoardi RN, BScN, Senior Administrator Macassa and Wentworth Lodges, City of Hamilton, Co-Chair, Hamilton Long-Term Care Collaborative
- Dr. Brian J. McKenna BA (Hons.), MD, CCFP, Deputy Lead Physician, Hamilton Family Health Team, Associate Medical Director, Grace Villa Long-Term Care Assistant Clinical Professor (Adjunct), Department of Family Medicine, McMaster University, Co-Chair, Hamilton Long-Term Care Collaborative



### HLTCC Committee

- Renee Guder (Thrive Group)
- Dr. Hugh Boyd (St Joseph's Villa)
- Dr. Tammy Packer (Chief of Family Medicine SJHH and HHS)
- Kathy Brown (Director Home and Community Care Support Services)
- Dr. Erin Gallagher (Family Medicine, Palliative Care Consultant)
- Dr. Sammy Winemaker (family Medicine, Community-based Palliative Care Doctor)
- Melissa McCallum and Megan Lynch (Greater Hamilton Health Network)

We are grateful for this committed team of individuals and for the work being done to support and strengthen care.

For more information please visit <https://greaterhamiltonhealthnetwork.ca/ghhn-long-term-care-collaborative/> or email us at [info@ghhn.ca](mailto:info@ghhn.ca)



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## **Haldimand Health** By Barbara Klassen



Since the inception of Ontario Health Teams (OHT) in 2019, Haldimand Health has done a significant amount of work to align services, support the community, and better understand the needs of patients, families, and caregivers. Status submissions were submitted to the Ministry of Health (Ministry), but Haldimand Health was not chosen to submit a formal application to become an independent OHT. Early in 2021, the Ministry directed Haldimand Health and the GHHN to explore partnership to become a single OHT. This partnership aligns with Haldimand's attributed populations and follows the pathways that our community currently navigates for specialized care needs.

Significant relationship building has taken place between the GHHN and Haldimand Health with a shared vision of improving healthcare and equity across our collective geographic area. The name change of the Hamilton Health Team to the Greater Hamilton Health Network (GHHN) reflects the commitment to working together as a "greater community" reflecting Hamilton, Haldimand and Niagara North West. Haldimand has representation at various aspects of the GHHN including, the Executive, Governance, Digital, Primary Care and Partnership tables, as well as multiple working groups.

These are exciting times, and we look forward to the future for Haldimand within the GHHN.



# Women's Health Drop-In Days Accepting Donations

The GHHN is working with community partners to offer our second Women's Health Drop-In Days event for women experiencing homelessness in Hamilton this December.

Women's Health days focus on building meaningful connections to offer proactive and preventative care, support, and to learn from those in attendance.

We are collaboratively offering drop in health and wellness services to those who may not access traditional models of healthcare, we saw the success of this model at our August event, providing care to over 56 women in just two days.

These days will offer safe quality care, food, giveaways, and people helping people. As we continue to work together to build an integrated, responsive, and equitable healthcare system we are thankful for the opportunities to connect, to learn from each other, and engage with our community.

We are currently accepting donations to support our December event, if you have questions or would like more information please email [info@ghhn.ca](mailto:info@ghhn.ca)



## Meet the Team Brent McLeod

The Greater Hamilton Health Network would like to introduce Brent McLeod as the Lead Planner, to coordinate the OHT Patient Navigation work.

Brent comes to the GHHN with 20 years of experience in the healthcare sector. He was a frontline paramedic in Toronto before pursuing a Master's degree in Public Health and Health Management in Australia, which later brought him to the City of Hamilton as a Paramedic Supervisor in 2012. For the past four years, Brent has been the Community Paramedicine Strategic Lead for the HNHB LHIN.

In the coming months, Brent will be reaching out to our network to gather more information about organization's processes and navigation tools used to support patient navigation.



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# Meet the Team

## Hamid Dwyer

As an Environmental Sustainability Research Assistant at the GHHN, Hamid will explore relative environmental impact hot spots of partners in the Greater Hamilton Health Care Network including hospitals, acute care, long-term care, and community care settings. The focus will be to build on the work of the Hamilton Family Health Team Green Initiative to reduce the impact of health care partners on climate change.

# Bernice King

## Patient Advisor

Bernice has been a Patient Advisor with the GHHN since we were founded in 2019.

Bernice brings with her 38 years of nursing experience as well as experience as a volunteer in the educational system.

In 2015 Bernice became a patient advisor at St. Joseph's Healthcare after having been a patient in 2013. She also became a member of the Inaugural Patient and Family Advisory Council of the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care in 2017.

Her experience has shown her how important people with lived experience are and the need for them to be involved in planning health care at all levels. Her passion continues through her participation with the GHHN as she works with the network to co-design health care.

Bernice we are thankful for your leadership and ongoing support!



# Media Update

## New ways for the GHHN to connect and share

The GHHN has changed their email! Please note that ALL staff emails have changed to @ghhn.ca. There are a variety of ways to get connected and stay informed, follow us on social media, visit us on our website or reach out to us by email. We look forward to connecting with you soon!



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## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



### LGBT2SQ Foundations

This course will help build your foundational knowledge for providing care to LGBT2SQ people.

<https://learn.rainbowhealthontario.ca>



### San'yas Indigenous Cultural Safety Program

An Indigenous-led, policy-driven, and systems-level educational intervention to foster health equity and mitigate the effects of systemic racism experienced by Indigenous people in health and other sectors.

<https://sanyas.ca>



### Active Offer

French and English training geared towards individuals studying or working in a health care profession to ensure the ongoing improvement of the active offer of French language health services.

<https://www.activeoffertraining.ca>

