

October & November 2021

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Partner Table Update

The All Nations Health Partners Ontario Health Team (ANHP OHT) meet bi-weekly to review the ongoing strategic initiatives of the ANHP's working groups, provide partner input and make decisions that assist in working towards the development of a seamless, patient-centered health care system.

At October's meeting, the ANHP OHT Partner Table had a long term care discussion around the transition of the new Wiigwas Elder and Senior Care and its vision, reviewed the process for funding proposal submissions, and planned for a "Reset and Refocus" meeting to take place in December for signatory Partners to regroup and articulate the key priorities for both the short-term (March 2022) and long-term.

At November's meeting, partners had an open discussion regarding the governance of the ANHP working groups, received a COVID-19 vaccination update, was briefed on a project/communication plan for the Virtual Urgent Care pilot, and discussed a Housing and Homelessness Winter Warming Space.



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Highlight of Work

Update from the Executive Lead

- ANHP data review
- Research on other OHT Group Health Models
- Organizing upcoming Partners Retreat (December 1 & 2)
- HCNS-OHT Alignment & Planning Resource – work has begun on the OHT Patient Navigation and Health Care Navigation Service Alignment (an inventory of services)
- Weekly meetings with OHT Evaluators

Working Groups:

- Mobilizing Patient Family & Elder Advisory Committee – First meeting set for November 16th
 - Patient Ombudsman Webinar Session with Home and Community Care Support Services via LHINS
 - Patient Engagement and Partnership Strategy in the works
- Primary Care Advisory – Early stages of establishing group
- Home Care & Community Supports – Executive Meetings
- Regional Housing Strategy Engagement
- Traditional Healers Advisory Engagement Session

Ministry Submissions:

- Primary Care Communications Protocol
- Harmonized Information Management Plan Attestation
- Performance Indicator Report – Q1
- TPA Quarterly Reporting
- ANHP Cohort 1 – Q2 Reporting

Extensive work with the Digital Strategy Working Group's Funding Proposals:

- Clinical Systems Renewal FY 2021-2022
- Virtual Home and Community Care – Infrastructure
- Online Appointment Booking
- Test of Change

Presentations:

- RISE (Rapid-Improvement Support and Exchange) jamboree on mixed urban-rural environments
- HSPN OHT Webinar – Presentation on MH&A WG

Working Group Updates

Digital Strategy

The Digital Working Group focused strategy, efforts, exploration, and planning since January 2021 are beginning to bear fruit by setting up the ANHP OHT for Ontario Health funding alignment to advance the Digital Strategy. Funding opportunities include Virtual Home and Community Care, Online Appointment Booking, Clinical System Renewal, Test of Change, Healthcare System Navigation, and Virtual Urgent Care.

Mental Health & Addictions

Working group met collectively in September for a 1.5-day in-person visioning session. The session's intention was to create an open, supportive space for sharing and discussion, and for the group to develop an understanding of its overall purpose as a working group within the context of our region's ANHP OHT. Members shared their earnest perspective and understanding about how the group will develop a system of care.

In October, co-chairs met with the Executive Lead, Consultant, and QI Specialist/Coach to discuss next steps. It was identified the need for broader discussion with partners about key priorities within the mental health and addictions system, and the important role of the working group to support system design and development, while recognizing the ongoing pressure of emergent funding calls. A survey will be issued to partners to help frame the working group's ongoing work together, across a series of themes: system planning priorities, residential treatment, engagement, and data management. The information gathered from the survey will be brought back to the group. The working group aims to focus on the regional system planning and design going forward. The group recognizes that emergent and ongoing 'calls for funding' will be continuing to flow, and the stress of coordinating proposals may also need space for discussion within the working group.

Communications

Working group continues to collaborate on ANHP communications, including specific social media posts to communicate health partner information. The group is also working towards the completion of a whiteboard animation video.

Privacy & Security

Next meeting occurs in December. Working group continues to attend monthly training and monitors the privacy commissions site for any updates for Ontario Health Teams.

Data & Quality Improvement

The Executive Lead will be meeting with Ministry of Health and Ontario Health to help them further understand the supports required. Work is under way to leverage resources for both a regional and local approach for data and quality improvement. The Executive Lead is attending weekly meetings with the Ontario Health Data Council as a member of the Health System Use Strategic Working Group.

Wiigwas Elder and Senior Care

The traditional blessing of Wiigwas Elder and Senior Care and the 1st annual Fall Feast took place on November 3rd. Kenora Chiefs Advisory staff and activation teams presented at the Kenora Catholic District School Board's Dynamic Directions Career Fair on November 10th to recruit volunteers.





Governance

Ad hoc.

Housing & Homelessness

Working group is exploring options to operate a winter warming space. There is potential for a collaboration with partner organizations. Work is being done to determine the needs and to establish an accountability agreement and discussion of risks. Partners agreed a warming space is quickly needed as colder temperatures approach.

Home & Community Care

- Work on the draft report is progressing with population analysis/projections as well as HCC service gap analysis.
- Additional data mining and analysis activities are ongoing. Key finding is that HCC service gaps are larger than initially presented, as compared to Thunder Bay service levels.
- Research is ongoing to analyze barriers to future state model options (i.e., legislative, HR/union, etc.).
- Work to develop a service delivery model is progressing, with estimated FTEs, costing of services, etc.

Health Human Resources Strategy (Recruitment)

- Specific Calls to Action to escalate the need for National licensure for physicians are being advocated, and CPSO is supporting this to improve wait times for licensing processes. Discussion ensued as to Cost Factors of Out of Provinces Licenses, and Short-Term Licenses for New Graduates.
- Canadian Health Human Resource Call to Action – This needs to move to a Federal Table since it addresses areas we are all struggling with (staffing shortages impacting service delivery and sustainability). Advocacy area to be looked at to encourage better planning with a pro-active approach.
- NOSM Virtual Camp Med – Encouraging high school students to consider pursuing a medical career.
- Recruiter Update – Inquiries as to how we connect companies in the community who are looking for Professionals as well. Housing issues still a concern for recruitment.

Primary Care

- The interim Primary Care Proposal for expanded physician and primary care nursing services for on reserve Primary Care is still under consideration with the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.
 - The memorandum of understanding for Primary Care on reserve is currently with the boards of the Kenora Chiefs Advisory and Waasegiizhig Nanaandawe'iyewigamig for final approval.
 - A quote has been received from South Central Foundation NUKA System of Care to assist in the development of a strategic plan for further prioritization and implementation of the Primary Care Blueprint.
 - A Northern Ontario Academic Medicine Association research grant has been submitted in collaboration with NORTHH Practise based Research Network and Northern Ontario School of Medicine exploring cancer screening pre and post COVID-19 pandemic for ANHP population, which will also incorporate a design event to implement a clinical or technological quality improvement intervention to improve cancer screening rates for ANHP population. Meetings continue with NORTHH to look at setting up indigenous data sovereignty agreements and also broader research and data support for the ANHP OHT moving forward. Supporting more primary care research was a priority outlined in the primary care blueprint. (This may be moved to the Clinical Advisory Committee).
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Important Information

Your health care providers are working hard to provide more digital options (virtual care, on-line appointment scheduling, appointment reminders) to patients in our communities.

Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date with your health care provider:

- Phone Number
- Email Address
- Home Address
- Health Card Number



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Advisory Council Updates

Patient Family and Elder Advisory Council

Interviews for committee members have been completed, with some excellent candidates who put their name forward. Next steps are to review the candidates in relation to the developed matrix to determine what gaps need to be filled. Once candidates are confirmed, those selected will be presented to the Partners. An orientation package/welcome package for the new committee is being developed. The Ministry has put out a revised Patient, Family Caregiver Declaration of Values that will be used as basic framework to develop the Declaration of the ANHP. The first group meeting will take place in November.

Traditional Healers Advisory Council

An Engagement Session took place on October 18th. A facilitated discussion and circle occurred with Elders, knowledge keepers, cultural helpers and various staff from Waasegiizhig Nanaandawe'iyewigamig, Grand Council Treaty #3, Kenora Chiefs Advisory, and ANHP Executive Lead. Continued dialogue, engagement and ceremony advised. Further details will be provided as plans are solidified. All were supportive with moving forward and appreciative of the opportunity to share their voice.

Clinical Advisory Council

Physicians of the working group have formed a sub-group to explore physician remuneration and service delivery models towards the building and design of the overarching ANHP Primary Care Model for on and off reserve.



COVID-19 Response Group Updates

COVID-19: Vaccination

- Updates and recommendations from the National Advisory Committee on Immunizations (NACI) include:
 - Co-administration allowed.
 - Recommendations related to allergic reactions and that 2nd doses can still be considered after referral to an allergist.
 - Updates on the stronger immune response observed with an extended dose interval between the first two doses.
 - Recommendations on third dose boosters for seniors in congregate settings, older adults, Indigenous populations and health care workers.
- Approval and guidance for first and second doses for 5 to 11 year olds expected towards the end of November/early December.
- Influenza vaccinations now available and high risk populations now eligible.
- The Ministry is requesting support for ongoing vaccination efforts from Ontario Health Teams.
- Northwestern Health Unit will be sending out a survey to collect information on the capacity of partners to run COVID-19 and influenza vaccination clinics that helps to estimate capacity and will be shared provincially.



Follow the All Nations Health Partners social media platforms for updates!

COVID-19: Testing

- The lab is processing twice as many swabs, as compared to 3 months ago.
- Swabs that cannot be tested on site are now sent to Thunder Bay PHO lab instead of NML lab in Winnipeg.
- Now that swabs are being tested at PHO, external partners are able to send directly to PHO using the PHO viral requisition forms
- Testing volumes remain consistently high at the Assessment Centre due to COVID mimics such as RSV and rhinovirus. Testing days remain Monday to Friday from 8am - 4pm, with occasional evenings or weekends as testing demands increase.

COVID-19: Isolation

- 360 admissions to date
- 358 discharges to date
- 71 positive clients to date

COVID-19: Temporary Housing - Vulnerable Sector

Waterview lease agreement to be reviewed at next Partner Table meeting.



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