

# Partner Update



## Welcome

Please welcome Sarah McLean and Sean Martin as the new co-chairs of Peterborough OHT.

Sarah McLean is a Primary Care Nurse Practitioner (NP) and has been working for six (6) years with VON Canada, Ontario Branch at the Keene Health Centre. Prior experience includes 20 years' working in acute care oncology at The Hospital for Sick Children. Through her work as a member of the Innisfil Community Health Committee she became more involved the political side of healthcare and working to promote positive changes for communities. Sarah has been an active member of the Peterborough Primary Care focus group for the last three (3) years and has recently become one of the co-chairs of the Peterborough OHT Steering Committee.

Sean Martin joined Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) in 2013 following 10 years with The Hospital for Sick Children. Here Sean worked in pediatric critical and emergency care, Cystic Fibrosis research, and in education and health equity leadership roles. In April 2020, Sean joined the PRHC senior leadership team as a Vice President (VP). He previously held the role of Director, Collaborative Practice, Quality and Ethics at PRHC, leading organization-wide quality and practice improvement initiatives. Sean is looking forward to co-chairing the Peterborough OHT Steering Committee.

Peterborough OHT would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Tom Richard and Brenda Weir for co-chairing the Peterborough OHT Steering Committee from the inception of Peterborough OHT.

## What's new!

**Ontario Health Teams:** The Path Forward  
On November 30, 2022, Ministry of Health announced new guidance intended to support Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) on their path to maturity. New Ministry directions have been released in a guidance document called Ontario Health Teams – The Path Forward. The five areas of focus include:

- 1. Clinical priorities and development of common clinical pathways:** Initial clinical pathways include congestive heart failure, Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes, and stroke. Over time, common clinical pathways will also be developed for mental health, addictions, and palliative and end-of-life care.
- 2. Common structure to progress to full implementation:** To support the future state vision for OHTs of integrated clinical and fiscal accountability, OHTs will be expected to create new not-for-profit corporations to manage and coordinate OHT activities. OHT member organizations will maintain their existing accountabilities.
- 3. Consistent collaboration in decision-making:** The Ministry is standardizing OHT decision-making to include the following groups:
  - Primary Care Providers;
  - Home and Community Care Providers;
  - Community Care Providers;
  - Public Hospitals;
  - Mental Health and Addictions Providers;
  - Patients, Families and Caregivers; and
  - Physicians and other Clinicians

OHTs are also encouraged to expand decision-making to include long-term care, municipalities, emergency health services, community paramedicine and public health units.

**4. Sustainable operational capacity:** The Ministry is requiring OHTs to identify an Operational Support Provider to provide back-office functions to support the OHT on an ongoing basis.

**5. Consistency in OHT communications:** The Ministry of Health has indicated that additional guidelines, protocols and resources will be provided over time to support OHTs in implementing the new directions. Provincial timelines have not been communicated for this transition and the Ministry and Ontario Health will be working with each OHT to assess readiness. Miller Thomson will continue to monitor developments and provide updates and support on OHT engagement and implementation.

---

## Ministry of Health and Ontario Health Update

### Provincial OHT Advisory Committees - Expression of Interest Form

The Ministry of Health (MOH) and Ontario Health (OH) are creating two-time limited provincial OHT advisory committees to support the development of guidance to support the OHT policy direction announced on November 30, 2022. MOH and OH will consult with OHT representatives, including OHT management, leaders from health service provider organizations that are signatory partners of OHTs, clinician leaders and patient advisors, participating in the advisory committees to inform the development of implementation guidance.

For further detail, please see the from on [page 4](#).

Please submit completed Expression of Interest Forms to [OHEast-OHTs@ontariohealth.ca](mailto:OHEast-OHTs@ontariohealth.ca) by January 30, 2023.

## Public and Patient Engagement Collaborative - Survey

The Public and Patient Engagement Collaborative (PPEC) is developing a competency framework for patient, family and caregiver engagement and is conducting a survey to get feedback from OHTs to inform this work. Please see the [Competencies Survey Flyer](#) with survey description and link to share with your OHT. The survey will close on Friday, February 10.

---

## Introducing the Ontario Health East Patient and Family Advisory Council

Ontario Health East is pleased to introduce the members of the Ontario Health East Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC). As parents and/or caregivers in the East region, the 11 PFAC members have first-hand experience, knowledge, and insights to inform how we design and deliver healthcare that meets the needs of our communities.

For more information about the Patient and Family Advisory Council or its members, [click here](#).

---

## Collaborative Quality Improvement Plans (cQIP)

On January 16, OH hosted a webinar titled **Collaborative Quality Improvement Plans Information** to review the 2023/24 cQIP program enhancements and shared information about the excellent work submitted in the 2022/23 cQIP's.

For anyone that missed the session, please see the link to the recording and supporting materials below:

[2023/24 cQIP Information Session](#)

# Patient & Caregiver Handbook

The Patient and Family Advisory Team has developed a handbook entitled, "Finding Your Way - Tips and tools to help you navigate healthcare in Peterborough and surrounding area."

The handbook provides information and resources to help patients and caregivers navigate the healthcare system in Peterborough. The handbook will be available in print and digitally on the Peterborough OHT website.

## Peterborough OHT Membership

We are pleased to welcome OMNI Health and Canopy Support Services as Formal Alliance Partners of the Peterborough OHT.

We also welcome Chimo Youth and Family Services as affiliate members.



Peterborough OHT is supported by funding from the Government of Ontario.

## OHT Service Transformation Advisory Committee

### Expression of Interest Form

The Ministry of Health (MOH) and Ontario Health (OH) are creating two time-limited provincial OHT advisory committees to support the development of guidance to support the OHT policy direction announced on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022. MOH and OH will consult with OHT representatives, including OHT management, leaders from health service provider organizations that are signatory partners of OHTs, clinician leaders and patient advisors, participating in the advisory committees to inform the development of implementation guidance.

The OHT Service Transformation Advisory Committee's topical scope may include performance measurement, clinical pathways and other priorities, and other relevant topics.

Each region should identify potential OHT representatives per region based on an expression of interest process. OHT representatives should be prepared to participate in 60-90 minute Advisory Committee meetings every 3 weeks with offline communication between meetings (as required) for a minimum of 6 months.

<b>OHT Name &amp; Region:</b>	
<b>Representative(s) Name:</b>	
<b>Representative(s) OHT Role:</b>	
<b>Affiliated Organization(s):</b>	
<b>Title:</b>	
<b>Contact Information:</b>	

Please consider the following selection criteria:

**Please check the box below  
if nominee meets the  
addressed selection criteria**

- Nominated representative is actively engaged in an approved OHT with a decision-making role.
- Nominated representative is heavily involved in population health, equity, clinical working groups and integrated pathway design and/or performance measurement.
- Nomination is a physician representative.
- Nominated representative is a patient, family member, caregiver and/or organization supporting equity deserving populations
- Nominated representative has capacity to participate in meetings and facilitate communications with other OHTs in their region.

MOH and OH will use lists of interested OHT representatives to ensure that committee representation criteria are satisfied.