

# Minister's Update: Accelerating Ontario Health Teams (OHTs)



# Overview of Session

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### **Welcome and Land Acknowledgement**

Alison Blair, Associate Deputy Minister, Health Integration and Partnerships, Ministry of Health

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### **Minister's Remarks: Accelerating OHT Impact**

The Honorable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

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### **Reflections from the Chair of the Minister's Patient and Family Advisory Council**

Betty-Lou Kristy, Chair of the Minister's Patient and Family Advisory Council

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### **Facilitated Q & A**

Rhonda McMichael, Assistant Deputy Minister, Strategic Partnerships Division, Ministry of Health

Dr. Sacha Bhatia, Senior Vice-President, Population Health & Value Based Health Systems, Ontario Health

Eric Vandewall, Burlington OHT

Dr. Catherine Yu, East Toronto Health Partners OHT

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### **Wrap Up**

Alison Blair, Associate Deputy Minister, Health Integration and Partnerships, Ministry of Health

# Key Takeaways

As part of the plan to accelerate the impact of Ontario Health Teams, starting April 2024, each Ontario Health Team will receive up to \$2.2 million over three years (\$750K per year).

Twelve Ontario Health Teams will be supported to advance rapidly toward maturity and be considered first for designation under the *Connecting Care Act, 2019*. The twelve teams are:

- All Nation Health Partners OHT
- Burlington OHT
- Couchiching OHT
- Durham OHT
- East Toronto Health Partners OHT
- Frontenac, Lennox and Addington OHT
- Greater Hamilton Health Network OHT
- Middlesex London OHT
- Mississauga OHT
- Nipissing Wellness OHT
- Noojmawing Sookatagaing OHT
- North York Toronto Health Partners OHT

The 12 Ontario Health Teams will share lessons learned to support continuous learning and readiness for the next phase of implementation for all Ontario Health Teams. These teams will help inform the processes, guidance, and templates that other teams will follow.

# Accelerating Ontario Health Teams

The 12 Ontario Health Teams will be supported to achieve a set of standardized **structural** and **patient-facing** milestones:



## Structural

- Creating a **not-for-profit corporation**
- Establishing a **primary care network**
- Standardizing **back-office supports**
- Developing a **home care readiness plan** for the eventual delivery of home care



## Patient-Facing

- Putting in place a **standardized patient navigation solution** that integrates with Health 811
- Implementing two or more **integrated clinical pathways**
- Continued work on **local signature initiatives** tailored to local populations

# Looking Forward

- The ministry and Ontario Health will work together to develop agreements and flow funds for April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024.
- Starting November 2023, the ministry and Ontario Health plan to release guidance, resources, and support for OHTs on key elements of *The Path Forward*, including primary care networks and governance (e.g., OHT not-for-profit, and back-office support through operational support providers).
- The ministry is developing an 'OHT Maturity Framework' that will help OHTs in their journey from the current state to a mature state. OHTs will have the opportunity to inform the framework through various channels, such as the OHT Advisory Committees and regional OHT collaborative tables.