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Cambridge-North Dumfries team submits full application to become an OHT

Cambridge, Ontario – A team representing 32 local and regional healthcare partners is pleased to announce they have submitted their full application to become an Ontario Health Team (OHT) on October 9, 2019. The proposed Cambridge North Dumfries OHT will collaborate and work together to provide seamless health care services in Cambridge and North Dumfries. This will include primary care, hospital services, long-term care, mental health & addictions, home and community care and more. The goal will be for patients to move seamlessly through a connected health care system.

“Our team has a rich history of collaboration and finding practical solutions. From the award winning Connectivity Table that wraps health services around our most vulnerable patients to innovative addictions programming to integrated specialty services for cardiac and stroke rehabilitation, our application is both strong and compelling. We have a five year plan that will transform our local health care system for the better, with a year-one focus on eliminating hallway health care, increasing access to primary care services and bolstering access to mental health services for residents of Cambridge and North Dumfries,” says Bill Davidson, executive director of Langs and a member of the core team for the Cambridge-North Dumfries OHT application.

Dr. Sharon Bal, Delta Coronation Family Health Organization co-founder and member of the core Cambridge-North Dumfries OHT team adds: “This application is the result of our collective desire to enhance patients’ experiences with the health care system. We are committed to building on strong working relationships within primary care practices and across all sectors to ensure patients receive seamless, team-based care at all points in their journey.”

Approximately 150 applications were made during the self-assessment phase earlier this year. In July, the team submitting the Cambridge-North Dumfries OHT self-assessment was invited to complete a full application. Based on scoring, a short listed group will be selected for in-person visits in order to identify those ready to implement the Ontario Health Team model. The first OHTs will be announced in the fall 2019.

The full application will be made available at <https://www.cmh.org/about/ontario-health-team>

The Cambridge-North Dumfries OHT application signatories are:

- AIDS Committee of Cambridge, Kitchener Waterloo and Area
- Alzheimer Society – Waterloo Wellington
- Born Midwives
- Cambridge Cardiac Care Centre
- Cambridge Memorial Hospital
- Cambridge Coronation Family Health Organization
- Cambridge Self Help Food Bank
- Canadian Mental Health Association
- Carizon Family and Community Services
- City of Cambridge
- Community Support Connections
- Delta Coronation Family Health Organization
- eHealth Centre of Excellence
- Fairview Mennonite Home
- Family Counselling Centre of Cambridge and North Dumfries
- Grandview Medical Centre Family Health Team & Family Health Organization
- Home and Community Care
- Hospice Waterloo Region
- House of Friendship
- Independent Living Centre of Waterloo Region
- Langs
- Lisaard & Innisfree Hospice
- Lutherwood
- Regional Municipality of Waterloo
- Saint Luke's Place
- Stonehenge Therapeutic Community
- Thresholds
- Township of North Dumfries
- Traverse Independence
- Tri-city Colonoscopy Clinic
- Two Rivers Family Health Team
- Waterloo Region Nurse Practitioner Lead Clinic