

BRIEFING NOTE

Ontario Health Teams - Prevention and Health Promotion

Generative Discussion

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The Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health and Long-Term, recently announced the introduction of Ontario Health Teams. Organizations are invited to indicate their interest in participating in this new model of providing health care. The intent is that the current funding for all participating organizations will be pooled, and a governance structure identified to guide the work of the Team.

“Under Ontario Health Teams, the health care providers (including hospitals, doctors and home and community care providers) will work as one coordinated team – no matter where they provide care.”

“Patients receive all their care, including primary care, hospital services, mental health and addictions service, long-term care, and home and community care from one team.”

<http://health.gov.on.ca/en/pro/programs/connectedcare/oht/default.aspx>

While Public Health Units are not included in the type of organizations that can form an Ontario Health Team, they can collaborate in the planning of the Teams, bringing a population health perspective. Health promotion and prevention programs and services are included in the scope of Ontario Health Teams.

Senior Health Unit Management is involved in some planning tables for Ontario Health Teams in our region. It would help us to have Board members’ perspective as we sit at these tables.

Generative Question for Discussion at the Board meeting:

- Based on your experience and knowledge of the community and the current health care system, what would you like to see Ontario Health Teams in Leeds, Grenville and Lanark include in their health promotion and prevention programs and services?

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