Primary Care Advisory Council

Ontario Health West

Meeting Highlights | July 17, 2023

The Ontario Health West Primary Care Advisory Council will meet monthly to work together to improve access to Primary Care in OH West. Members include Regional Primary Care Leads, OHT Primary Care Leads, Nurse Practitioner Led Clinics, CHCs, Community Pharmacy, Community Paramedicine, Indigenous representatives, OH West Patient & Family Advisory Committee representative and OH West Region team.

Kick Off Meeting

Co-chairs Scott Elliott and Rosslyn Bentley inaugurated the Primary Care Advisory Council on Monday, July 17th, 2023, welcoming members and reviewing council goals, objectives, and expectations.

The Primary Care Advisory Council reports to the OH West Health System Recovery & Transformation (HSR&T) table. The Primary Care Advisory Council will be focused on the shared HSRT goal of *Improving Access to Primary Care in the West Region*. Scott Elliott and Rosslyn Bentley are members of the HSR&T.

Collaboration with OHTs:

The OHT Collaborative, a part of HSR&T Table, includes representation from all 15 OHTs in the OH West Region. The OHT Collaborative will partner with the Primary Care Advisory Council to develop and implement action plans for improving primary care access.

Primary Care Advisory Council 2023-24 Goals:

1. Develop & implement action plans to improve access to primary care for unattached persons.
2. Enhance engagement with primary care providers including improving cancer screening rates & development of Primary Care Networks (TBD).

Objectives include:

- Develop clinical priority framework for unattached persons
- Monitor and improve cancer screening rates for screen-eligible persons
- Create opportunities to reduce the administrative burden and improve capacity in primary care for unattached persons
- Work with OHT primary care leads/ OHTs to develop an action plan to improve care for unattached persons
- Disseminate, through OHTs, guidance that will support the implementation of recommendations with primary care providers

Discussion included:

- Focus on unattached populations in OH West
- Emphasize the social determinants of health to address unattachment
- Identify opportunities to optimize and/or streamline resources (i.e., direct referrals to specialists)

Follow up: OH West will disseminate a survey to members to obtain input on:

1. What are the key success factors to achieve the Primary Care Advisory Council goals?
2. What are the key barriers to the development of action plans?
3. What are key suggestions to achieve successful implementation of action plans?

If members have questions or topics they would like discussed, please forward to co-chairs or OH West staff

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