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Coalition of Family Physician in Ottawa Region - Meeting #2  
June 13, 2019 5:30-7pm

1. Introductions

2. OHT update

Just over 150 applications submitted across Ontario, more than what was likely expected by the MOHLTC. The timelines for announcement on the first wave have been delayed into the summer. Representation at the meeting from physicians involved in 5 applications (CHEO, CHCs, TOH, Montfort, Pembroke). Challenge put to the group to not be constrained by the submitted OHT applications - that we can consider each of us already part of an informal "OHT" and to consider how to leverage/grow/improve what we are already doing.

3. The Why

The group identified the need for a collective voice of Family Medicine while system change is going on as well as looking beyond the OHT. Clarified that this group would amplify the voice of Family Physician and also allow physicians to share resources/pain points. It was felt that this unique and local voice isn't represented by other existing organizations (OMA, OCFP, university Department of FM) but that those relationships were important and collaborative. Consensus in the group of the value to continue efforts to get together, recognition of the need for ongoing outreach to colleagues.

4. The What

Brainstormed pain points and ideas for concrete actions that could be taken and then prioritized these based on what was most actionable. The following 4 actions were identified:

i. Letter to the Minister of Health/local MPPs - a draft will be circulated to those interested in providing input (let Liz or Kamila know) and then recirculated to the whole group for signature. The ask will be for a meeting with the Minister to advocate for FP central engagement and leadership in any OHTs and to propose that they support our effort to create a regional voice for FPs

ii. Formation of coalition/community of practice of Eastern Ontario/Ottawa Region Family Physicians who will continue to meet and engage. We will use a "Community of Practice" model. For communication we will consider using the OMA web based platform which will be released in as a way to communicate with each other. The Department is supportive of continuing to host the meetings.

iii. "Pain points" – the group discussed key pain points that could be actionable. Harmonization of referral form was a first issue we felt we could work on in terms of advocacy for a single referral form for referrals to specialists. Some templates for referral forms will be circulate to the email list. We can then advocate as a group for adoption of a single process.

iv. TOH integration: Early efforts have started to form a "working group" of FPs to help work with TOH to identify projects that would assist with system integration. Those interested please let John Brewer, Liz or Kamila know.

v. Distribute a quick online survey to family physicians in the Ottawa region on our list to identify “pain points” and possible solutions that could help guide what the group could work on.