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Ontario Health Team

Partnership Council Meeting
March 2026

Recent Ontario Health Updates: January - March 2026

Month	Announcement
January	✓ Coordinated Access Hub for Mental Health and Addictions Referrals: CMHA Waterloo-Wellington
January	✓ Expansion of Interpretation Services for Primary Care
January	✓ Clearing of the Health Care Connect Waitlist for Windsor-Essex
March	✓ Expansion of Adult Day Programming and Respite Programs
March	✓ Centralized Intake for Diagnostic Imaging Referrals (CT and MRI): Hamilton Health Sciences
March	✓ Advancement of Provincewide Primary Care Medical Record System

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Updates From Advisory Groups, Sector Tables, and Working Groups

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Primary Care Network (PCN)

Updates

- ✓ Received Supported Attachment Funding ($125,000) for 2 years
- ✓ Invited to present on Primary Care to Amherstburg Town Council
- ✓ Partnering with OCFP and Rotman School of Management to bring Dyad Leadership Program to Windsor-Essex
- ✓ Ontario Health Provider Survey to be sent to Primary Care Providers (PCPs)
- ✓ Ongoing collaboration with local programs and services to enhance awareness and regional support to all PCPs
- ✓ PCN Primary Care Provider Contact List created
- ✓ PCN Communications Strategy in the works (i.e. website, news, communications dashboard)



Primary Care Sector Table (PCST)

Updates

- ✓Onboarding of all Ministry-Funded Team Based Care PCPs to Ocean eReferral
- ✓Ongoing assessment of attachment capacity amongst existing teams; successfully cleared the Health Care Connect waitlist!
- ✓Establishment of direct Hospital to Primary Care referral pathways for attachment - ongoing work

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Mental Health & Addictions Sector Table (MHAST)

Updates

West Region Coordinated Access Hub recently announced –CMHA Waterloo-Wellington

- Locally 100% of OH-funded MHA services providers eligible to receive referrals from the CA Hub are set up on or have submitted an EOI to become receivers

Warm Hand Off Process

- 4 organizations following process
- 5 organizations completed training
- 35 workers trained across 19 MHA programs
- clinician satisfaction survey to be launched in early fall to all workers trained in the process

Provincial Data Set

- Supporting MHA agencies with Provincial Data Set onboarding

Partner Highlights

- **Eating Disorders IOP Mapping Session**
- **Mental Health Symposium**



Community Support Services (CSS) Sector Table

Updates

CSS Home First Readiness Re-Assessment Results

- Windsor-Essex partners highlighted fragmented intake systems, strained ADP capacity, and limited two-way communication as major barriers to prompt, home-first discharge. Integrating CSS directly into hospital complex discharge rounds is the most impactful first step to rebuild coordination and activate community supports earlier. Strengthening shared intake processes and consistent regional information will streamline navigation and reduce avoidable delays across the region.

OH West CSS Advisory Table

- CSS-N Representative Tracey Bailey of Community Support Centre of Essex County is stepping down as our local representative, and Carolyn Warkentin of South Essex Community Council has accepted to step up to represent our CSS table on behalf of Windsor-Essex.



Partner Highlights

HDGH Toldo Outpatient Rehabilitation Centre

- Has officially opened its new Toldo Outpatient Rehabilitation Centre, a donor-funded facility aimed at modernizing and strengthening rehabilitation services in Windsor-Essex.

ESHC Discharge Lounge

- Rededicated space for patients was renovated with support from the Erie Shores Health Foundation to improve patient flow for patients who are medically ready to go home and awaiting next steps.

RGP Toronto Delirium Flag- ESHC/HDGH/WEOHT

- Both were proud to join Ontario's Delirium Flag campaign with the Regional Geriatric Program of Toronto for Delirium Awareness. These teams, along with WRH are working together through Ontario Health's Delirium Aware Safer Healthcare (DASH) initiative to improve delirium awareness, early identification, and prevention.



Equity, Inclusion, Diversity, Anti-Racism (EIDA-R) Working Group

Updates

Indigenous Education:

- Over 500 health care system staff trained in Indigenous Cultural Safety Training over the past 3 months
- 15 training sessions provided
- Indigenous Symposium "From Learning to Action: A Symposium Event for Indigenous Health Equity" (March 6)
- Lunch and Learn training under development includes "Treaties" (Winter 2026)

Workplan Task Groups:

- **FLS Action Group:** survey to partners to assess HR policies, referral pathways, and medical terminology proficiency
- **Resource and Training Task Group:** database of workshops and online training updates in review. Training focus for 2026-2027 includes FLS designation, social determinants of health, population health management
- **EIDA-R publications:** articles curated for WEOHT Newsletter. Upcoming edition focus is "Cultural Safety"

Partner Highlights

Indigenous Education:

- Partnered with **Caldwell First Nations** for the 2nd Annual Reconcili-Action Conference (February 27-Portuguese Club Leamington)
- Partnership with **C-K OHT** for Indigenous Cultural Safety Training Sessions
- **HDGH** will host the Lunch and Learn "Blanket Exercise Workshop" on May 21

Workplan Task Groups:

- FLS Action Group: **CPSSF and OH** will facilitate FSL webinar based on the FLS survey of partner training needs (April 2026)
- Resource and Training Task Group: **Family Services** compiled list of webinars, workshops and online resource for WEOHT website
- The **Hospice of Windsor-Essex** will host the next EIDA-R committee meeting on May 25

Erie St. Clair Digital Health Advisory Committee

Updates

- **Committee Purpose:** To provide guidance and input on the evaluation, prioritization, and management of digital health initiatives across the Windsor-Essex, Chatham-Kent, and Sarnia-Lambton OHTs, through the advisory role of the Erie St. Clair OHTs Digital Health Advisory Committee (DHAC).

- **Group Chairs** : Alison Murray (HDGH) and Kyle Shafer (TSSO)
- **Additional Windsor-Essex Group Members** : Kelly O'Toole (ALSO), Luciano Carlone (CMHA)

- **Workplan Development including:**

    - Represent OHTs at and participate in the Ontario Health (OH) West Regional Digital Health Advisory Committee (DHAC)
    - Provide input into strategic initiatives or funding options related to digital health
    - Maintain awareness of and share knowledge regarding digital health provincial assets, initiatives, and future strategy from OH/MOH
    - Hold the Online Appointment Booking (OAB) TPA and administer this on behalf of the OHTs and their HSPs
    - Plan and execute specific digital health projects as requested by the OHT (Funding discussions required on a per project basis

Governance Committee

Updates

- Elections for sector table co-chairs in process
- New co-chair for Steering Committee (Dr. Tim O'Callahan)

Partnership Council Elections

Our incoming Partnership Council Co-Chairs are:

Margo Riley from the Windsor Family Health Team and
Leigh Vachon from Assisted Living Southwestern Ontario

Thank you to **Kim Utley** from SE Health for her leadership of Partnership Council over the past 2 years!

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Next Meeting

Meeting Dates:

June 25, 2026

September 24, 2026

December 17, 2026