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Cambridge-North Dumfries OHT application advances to full proposal stage

Cambridge, Ontario – Thirty-one signatories looking to form a Cambridge-North Dumfries Ontario Health Team (OHT) received fantastic news that they were chosen to move forward with their application. OHTs are being introduced by the government to provide a new way of organizing and delivering care.

In the current model, patients navigate different and separate services in order to get the care they need. In the new OHT model, they will be serviced by one team to get the care they need, be it mental health, primary, rehabilitative or acute care. Care providers, including primary care, community care, long-term care facilities, hospitals and other health care agencies will work as a coordinated team to provide seamless, connected care for patients in their community.

Bill Davidson, executive director of Langs and a member of the core team for the Cambridge-North Dumfries OHT application, says: “We had a really strong self-assessment in the first round. We demonstrated that the 31 local agencies had a history of working together to make our health care system better for the people of Cambridge and North Dumfries. We are thrilled the Ministry agreed. We have a lot of hard work to do in a short period of time, but the team we have is dedicated and eager to make this work for our communities.”

Approximately 150 applications were made during the self-assessment phase. Only 31 applicants from these were invited to complete the full application, which are due October 9, 2019. 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. For a complete list, please visit the Ministry website at <https://bit.ly/2Yt2myn>

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 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
- 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