

Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team Planning Committee

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

1600-1645 hours

Location: Zoom

Item No.	Agenda Item	Discussion	Actions
1	Call to order	Chair called the meeting to order.	
2	Land Acknowledgement	Chair provided the land acknowledgement.	
3	Approval of Agenda		That the agenda be approved as presented. APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
4	Approval of the Minutes – January 11, 2022	The Committee reviewed the action items from the previous meeting minutes.	That the minutes of the January 11 th , 2022 Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team Planning Committee meeting be approved as presented. APPROVED BY CONSENSUS
5	Operational Challenges Forum	<p>Sector Challenges:</p> <p>Long Term Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High number of staff off work due to becoming ill with COVID-19 or high risk contacts of COVID-19. • Experiencing exhaustion amongst staff. • Asymptomatic residents in outbreak floors are isolating. In room meal service is being provided for all isolated residents, increased risk of negative impacts of social isolation of residents. 	J. Cornell, and K. McNab to assist with mask fitting for Mental Health and Addictions partner organizations.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3rd doses for staff are due by January 28, 2022.• Four COVID-19 vaccine doses for residents has been recommended. Working to gather consents, etc. to administer fourth doses.• COVID-19 PCR test results are still 3-5+ days getting back to homes.• Admissions are not currently allowed during outbreaks. This has been further challenging by being short staffed.• Possible updated Ministry guidance for Long Term Care and Public Health Units to be released. New guidance may contain new definitions for outbreaks and outbreaks which only include staff cases.• Seeing some supply challenges for items such as N95 masks and COVID-19 rapid tests.• Homes are completing daily screenings. <p>Primary Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Experiencing no further pressures at this time.• Trying to maintain contact with patients as much as possible.• Observing higher numbers of patient no-shows at Family Health Teams. Some patients are afraid to come into the clinic.• Some Family Health Teams experiencing staff absences due to COVID-19.• Continuing to see patients in person and continuing telephone appointments.	
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Home and Community Care Services & Service Provider Organizations:

- SPO's continuing to experience supply issues. They have been directed to complete orders through the portal and have received the first shipments of PPE and rapid tests, however, the requested amounts of supplies have not been received in the shipments.
- SPO's have been able to secure supply chains outside of the portal.
- Outside legal opinion regarding creed exemption requests for COVID-19 vaccinations has been received.
- Beginning to report the amount of RN's and RPN's that have left organizations to HCCSS regional agencies for comparison to pre-COVID-19 numbers.
- Reporting missed care rates twice a week to HCCSS regional agencies and the number of staff off due to COVID-19.
- Virtual therapies such as physiotherapy continue to be offered virtually.
- Many patients decline virtual therapies and waiting for in-person services to resume or they are declining a visit altogether.
- Halt on placements in Grey-Bruce long term care homes during outbreaks has slowed placement processes.
- Home and Community Care Services staffing has stabilized.
- Increasing daily numbers in order to decrease waitlists.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transportation becoming a present and future pressure in Grey-Bruce.• HCCSS provided an update regarding bundled care in Grey-Bruce. Positive results were seen from all partners involved. There are hopes for base funding in 2022 and partners will be funding the bundled care initiative until potential base funding comes through.• Some organizations are experiencing staffing stressors due to the 10 day COVID-19 isolation requirement.• Some organizations continue to experience challenges with receiving COVID-19 rapid tests despite outbreaks. <p>Paramedicine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staffing remains the same.• No supply challenges at this time.• Still seeking physician delegation for treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 symptoms amongst transient populations. <p>Mental Health and Addictions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Received COVID-19 rapid test and N95 mask supplies.• Seeking assistance with mask fitting.• One site closed due to outbreak.• Staff beginning to return following isolation due to COVID-19.	
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		<p>Specialized geriatric services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geriatric resource nurses have been instructed to provide in-home care for those who are likely to apply additional pressures to acute care in the next 4-6 weeks. • Interviewing was completed and information was collected regarding the bundled care initiative in Grey-Bruce. <p>Acute Care:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making efforts to increase staff morale. • COVID-19 admissions numbers beginning to stabilize. • COVID-19 outbreak declared at Warton hospital. Hoping to have the outbreak to be cleared by the weekend. • Directive #2 regarding postponing surgeries is still in effect. • Emergency department hours continue to be reduced at Walkerton ED, and Chesley inpatient unit transitioned to ALC unit. 	
6	OHT Patient Navigation and HCNS Resource funding	<p>The Committee discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The purpose of the HCNS Resource funding. • The deliverables of the work to be completed. • Pursuing OHT partners internal resources to complete the required work. 	D. Nancekivell to contact T. DeVries regarding HCNS work to be completed.
7	OH West HHR Innovation Funding Announcement	<p>The Committee received an update regarding the OH West HHR Innovation Funding.</p> <p>The Committee received an overview of the projects that received approval.</p>	Approved OH West HHR Innovation Funding for long term care to be discussed at a future meeting.

	Grey Bruce OHT Executive Lead recruitment update.	The Committee received an update regarding the status of the Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team Executive Lead recruitment.	
8	Date of Next Meeting – February 8, 2022, 1600 hours		Decision concerning resuming regular Planning Committee meeting agenda will be made prior to the February 8, 2022 meeting.
9	Motion to Adjourn		

**APPENDIX A.
ATTENDEES**

Present:	
Name	Organization
Abigail Woodcock	Grey Bruce Ontario Health Team
Adrienne Vanderweg	VON Canada, South West
Angelika Gollnow	Closing The Gap Healthcare (SPO representative)
Brian Dunne	Participation House Support Services
Clark MacFarlane	Canadian Mental Health Association Mental Health and Addictions Services Grey Bruce
Dana Howes	Hanover & District Hospital
Daryl Nancekivell	Home and Community Care Support Services – South West
Dave Zago	Hanover Family Health Team
Dr. Elyse Savaria	Chair, Physician and Nurse Practitioner Council
Dr. Gary Gurbir	Kincardine Family Health Team Physician Representative
Gary Sims	Grey Bruce Health Services
Jodi Phillips	Care Partners (SPO representative)
Julie Johnston	Alzheimer Society of Grey-Bruce
Kevin McNab	Grey County – Paramedic Services
Lauren Gardner	SW Frail Seniors Strategy
Michael Barrett	South Bruce Grey Health Centre
Phil Dodd	Keystone Child, Youth and Family Services
Ray Lux	Grey County – Paramedic Services
Stephanie Dudgeon	Brockton and Area Family Health Team
Stephen Musehl	Home and Community Support Services Grey Bruce
Steve Schaus	Bruce County – Paramedic Services
Sue Byers	Sauble Family Health Team
Sue Hillis	Dale Brain Injury Services
Taylor Holdsworth	South Bruce Grey Health Centre

Regrets:

Name	Organization
Alex Hector	South East Grey Community Health Centre
Brian Dokis	Southwest Ontario Aboriginal Health Access Centre
Crystal Osborne	Owen Sound Family Health Team
Cynthia Porter	Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation
Dr. Ali Ahmad	Grey Bruce Health Services Physician representative)
Dr. Angela Cavanagh	Kincardine Family Health Team, Physician Representative
Dr. Ian Arra	Grey Bruce Public Health
Dr. Kelly Fenn	Grey Bruce Health Services
Dr. Nathalie Sauriol	Grey Bruce Health Services Physician Representative
Dr. Sarita Singh	South Bruce Grey Health Centre Physician Representative
Heike Berger	Midwives Grey Bruce
Janet Fairbridge	Residential Hospice Grey Bruce
Jennifer Cornell	Grey County – Long-Term Care
John Kurvink	Grey Bruce Health Services
Julia Peart	South East Grey Community Health Centre
Kelly McIntyre Muddle	South West Frail Seniors Strategy
Madison Curry	South Bruce Grey Health Centre
Megan Garland	Bruce County Long-Term Care
Pamela Loughlean	Peninsula Family Health Team
Paul Hoban	Peninsula Family Health Team
Samantha Colwell	Ontario Health West
Sarah Cunningham	Grey Bruce Health Services
Trish Meekins	Saugeen First Nation
Victoria Cumming	Hanover & District Hospital