



# CKOHT UPDATE

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## IT'S OFFICIAL: CKOHT MOVING FORWARD

The Ministry of Health has announced the Chatham-Kent Ontario Health Team as one of the first 24 OHTs to launch in the province.

Chatham-Kent—Leamington MPP Rick Nicholls officially made the announcement on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the Chatham-Kent Family Health Team's Emma Street site in Chatham. The event was also attended by Minister of Labour, Training and Skills Development (and MPP for Lambton-Kent-Middlesex) Monte McNaughton, Chief Dan Miskokomon from Walpole Island First Nation, Chatham-Kent Councillor Carmen McGregor, members of the CKOHT Steering Committee and valued system partners.

"With our new Chatham-Kent Ontario Health Team, patients will benefit from better integrated health care, with a seamless experience when moving between different health care services, providers and settings," said Minister of Health Christine Elliott in a [news release](#). "I would like to thank all the health care providers and organizations that helped plan the Chatham-Kent Ontario Health Team; there is lots of work to be done, but with their dedication and hard work, we will continue to improve health care in our communities and ensure Ontarians get the care they deserve."

Over the coming weeks and months, the CKOHT steering committee will focus on putting implementation plans in place to bring the 120-page submission to life. The Ministry will provide support and guidance in order to ensure a successful launch in the spring.

While the CKOHT will focus on strategies to support its Year 1 Population when launched, the 15 partner organizations will continue to serve all patients and will collaborate to achieve 24/7 system navigation and improved transitions between care settings.

At Saturday's announcement, Minister McNaughton said, "patients will be connected to the right service. Introductions will be made, not referrals."



The CKOHT Steering Committee collected can goods and non-perishable foods to donate to the Salvation Army of Chatham-Kent food banks.



M.P.P. Rick Nicholls making the announcement on Saturday.

## CONTACT US

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## OUR PHASE 1 PARTNERS

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## CKOHT AT IC/ES FALL FORUM

Kaitlyn Morrison from the area's Family Health Teams and Melissa Johnson from Chatham-Kent Health Alliance recently attended the IC/ES Fall Forum in Toronto on behalf of the CKOHT to learn more about how data can drive Ontario Health Team efforts.

"I think at the end of the conference it really showed us we are on the right track with things in terms of data," said Morrison. "Moving forward, we need to ensure that our data does not leave any person or patient behind and is accessible in real time."

## ENGAGEMENT WITH LONG-TERM CARE AND RETIREMENT HOMES

Members of the CKOHT Steering Committee recently held an engagement session with representatives of local long-term care homes (LTCHs) and retirement homes (RHs). The session provided an update on the CKOHT, included discussions about the collaborative role LTCHs and RHs play in the health care system and identified ways LTCHs and RHs can work together for mutual support in meeting the needs of the Year 1 Population.



The session was attended by 24 people including representatives from seven LTCHs and 10 from RHs, and at the conclusion, 92% of participants said they are completely interested in continuing further discussions around collaborating with the CKOHT.

## PARTNER COLLABORATION SPOTLIGHT

The First Link Care Coordinator from the Alzheimer Society of Chatham-Kent (Michelle), and the Behavioural Supports Ontario Clinical Care Coordinator (Jen) work alongside many community partners to support clients and care partners through their health care journey.

Jen and Michelle (pictured to the right) refer to themselves as the dynamic duo and specifically work with clients who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and who are also presenting with a responsive behaviour.



This duo visits the client and care partner by conducting a joint home visit to do an assessment as well as explore joint service options for in-home support such as in-home respite, Home and Community Care, day program, etc. They then meet weekly at an interdisciplinary team meeting which includes social workers, the day program manager, the respite supervisor, etc. This is an opportunity to discuss any concerns on shared clients /care partners as well provide health care updates. This helps everyone involved with the client/care partner to stay current and provides the ability to adjust the care plan or include other community services as needed and in a timely manner.

"We have created such great relationships with our community partners in providing care, and the best part, the client/care partner has to tell their story only once" explained Michelle, First Link Care Coordinator.

Overall, this community collaboration has truly streamlined communication, improved transitions in the system, and ensured there is limited duplication in services being provided.