



# Algoma OHT Monthly Update

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Voting Members Present:	Ila Watson, Ali Juma, Annette Katajamaki, Dr. Al Mclean (delegate for Michelle Brisbois), Dr. Jodie Stewart, Dominic Noel, Dr. John Tuinema, Dr. David Fera
Voting Members Absent:	Dr. Cassandra Taylor, Carolyn Davis, Terry Caporossi, Connie Lee
Non-Voting Members Present:	Stephanie Parniak, Janik Guy, Kirsten Farago, Laura Boston, Kadean Ogilvie-Pinter, David Murray <b>AOHT Transformation Office:</b> Erin Mulroney, Brianna Smith, Maria Torres, Jeff Dorans, Cassandra Lepore, Victoria Aceti Chlebus, Kendra Dumont, Sophie Myles, Michelle Courneene
Non-Voting Members Absent:	Mary Ellen Luukkonen

<p>Ministry of Health/Ontario Health Highlights:</p>	<p><b>Ministry Highlights</b> The Minister of Health has assigned the Ontario Health Team (OHT) Continued Implementation Supports Funding Transfer Payment Agreement (TPA) to Ontario Health (OH). The effective date of the assignment is October 1, 2022. There is no change in TPA deliverables.</p> <p><b>Ontario Health Highlights</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter was sent to the Director, Integrated Care and tri-chairs which outlines the understanding of continued partnership with North and East communities and the AOHT.</li> <li>• A draft application from the Part B: OHT Regional Collaborative was submitted to the Leadership Council for feedback. The feedback collected from the Leadership Council will be brought back to the working group for consideration. The revised application will be sent back to the AOHT for signature prior to November 23, 2022, should the Leadership Council approve.</li> </ul> <p><b>Maamwesying OHT</b> The Maamwesying OHT was officially announced as approved as an OHT. As there are catchment areas that overlap with the AOHT, the AOHT looks forward to continuing to build partnerships with Maamwesying OHT in the coming months.</p>
<p>Governance Sub-Committee Highlights:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The governance sub-committee will be reconvening in early November to discuss next steps in anticipation of receiving prescriptive guidance from the Ministry/OH regarding OHT expansion and membership.</li> </ul> <p><b>Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Extension</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leadership Council is to ensure that their respective organizations return a signed MOU extension until March 31, 2023, should their Boards approve, prior to the existing MOU’s expiry date of October 31, 2022.</li> <li>• Leadership Council members are encouraged to communicate with Victoria Aceti Chlebus on what each of their needs are to gain the approval from each Board.</li> </ul>
<p>Transformation Office Highlights:</p>	<p><b>AOHT Transformation Office Update</b> There are two positions open for the AOHT:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. NOHFC Intern – Communications and Community Engagement (<i>closes Monday, October 17, 2022</i>)</li> <li>2. Manager of Programs (<i>closes Tuesday, October 25, 2022</i>)</li> </ol> <p><b>Project Percolator</b> The next Project Percolator meeting will be taking place on Friday, November 18, 2022 at the Holiday Inn Express. More details can be expected in the coming weeks.</p>
<p>Leadership Council Highlights:</p>	<p><b>Executive Committee Update</b> The selection committee for the primary care tri-chair position consists of Victoria Aceti Chlebus, Dr. Jodie Stewart, Ali Juma, and Dominic Noel. A role</p>

	<p>description has been developed. Once approved, the committee will begin the recruitment process.</p> <p><b>OB/GYN Coverage in the community</b></p> <p>The Leadership Council discussed the challenges the community is facing surrounding OB/GYN coverage and the heavy reliance of locum OB/GYN services. Organizations can expect additional communication in the coming days.</p> <p><b>Youth Wellness Hub</b></p> <p>Leadership Council member Ali Juma gave an overview of the Youth Wellness Hub to the attendees. A Youth Action Council will work closely with the Youth Wellness Hub Coordinator for the duration of a year. There is also a multi-agency collaborative working to get the hub up and running, as well as planning for service provision.</p> <p><b>Home and Community Care Support Services</b></p> <p>Home and Community Care Support Services signed a participatory agreement with OHTs. A letter was provided to the Leadership Council that outlines the parameters of this agreement.</p>
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STRENGTHENING CARE IN ALGOMA			
Deliverable	Status	Lead	Update
<p><b>Healthy Aging:</b> Implement recommendations from the <a href="#"><u>Algoma COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Plan for Older Adults and their Caregivers</u></a></p>	On track	Victoria Aceti Chlebus	<p><i>Post Falls Pathway:</i> PDSA Cycle 1 is completed. Over the course of the initial cycle, over a dozen patients were on-boarded onto the pathway. A Quality Improvement meeting assessing results from PDSA Cycle 1 took place on September 7, 2022 with actionable next steps to improve for the next cycle.</p> <p>Work continues on the following four projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Early Frailty Identification in Primary Care:</i> The Algoma Nurse Practitioner-led Clinic has stepped forward as a pilot site for the early frailty identification project. The advisory team is reviewing the evidence of the selected screening tools with an anticipated go-live late-fall.</li> <li>• <i>Patient Navigation:</i> Ontario Health has invested in a provincial-wide multi-tenant navigator (MTN) which will be attached to Health Connect Ontario. The provincial MTN is an initial starting point, but will not fulfill the AOHT's</li> </ul>

			<p>required deliverable of 24/7 patient navigation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Coordinated Access to Geriatric Services:</i> The project team continues to make progress to collaborate on a common referral form and intake process for the SAH Algoma Geriatrics Clinic and Seniors Mental Health and the Superior Family Health Team. It is anticipated that testing the form and process in November 2022.</li> <li>• <i>Outpatient Geriatric Rehabilitation:</i> The project team has taken time to review the available data to understand the patient population that would benefit from an outpatient geriatric rehabilitation program. With both quantitative data and anecdotal information, the team is formulating a program.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Conditions Better Managed in the Community:</b> Establish a three-year plan to address complex chronic disease needs in Algoma</p>	Delayed	Victoria Aceti Chlebus	<p>A Manager of Programs position was posted, which will help to develop a plan for advancing work focused on those with complex chronic diseases. The team continues to explore opportunities for improvement by engaging with clinicians, health leaders and community partners as to next steps.</p>
<p><b>Mental Health and Addictions:</b> Implement a three-year plan for mental health and addictions needs in Algoma <u>AND</u> review and implement recommendations from the <i>Community Wellness Bus Development Evaluation</i></p>	On track	Annette Katajamaki / Victoria Aceti Chlebus	<p>As a follow-up to the mental health and addictions plan and the integrated mental health and addictions planning session held in August, A working group has been formed to begin strategizing approaches, priorities and fulsome membership required to implement a three-year mental health and addictions plan.</p>
<p><b>COVID-19</b></p>	On track	Victoria Aceti Chlebus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions around fall vaccination planning efforts in partnership with Algoma Public Health are beginning.</li> <li>• <i>Preventative Screening Clinics:</i> The AOHT, in partnership with Algoma Public Health, Algoma Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic, Superior Family Health Team, and Group Health Centre, is</li> </ul>

			<p>hosting a series of Cervical Screening Clinics beginning on Friday, October 28, 2022. The clinics are aimed at serving patients who are unattached in our community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work is continuing on the implementation of recommendations from the <i>Algoma COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery Plan for Older Adults and their Caregivers</i>.</li> </ul>
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**COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT**

Deliverable	Status	Lead	Update
<p>Implement our <a href="#"><u>Patient, Family and Caregiver Partnership and Engagement Strategy</u></a></p>	On track	Victoria Aceti Chlebus	<p><b>Interprofessional Continuing Education Collaboration with NOSM University</b> The AOHT is beginning a pilot collaboration with NOSM University to develop and deliver education focused on integrated care principles. The focus of the education sessions will be on interprofessional supportive teams and integrated care in a northern context.</p> <p><b>Northern Health System Research and CRaNHR</b> In collaboration with the Centre for Rural and Northern Health Research (CRaNHR), the AOHT is looking to explore the intersectionality of multiple vulnerable populations in integrating care in a Northern Ontario context.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In collaboration with SAH, the AOHT Transformation Office has released the Community Partnership Toolkit and has invited organizations to participate in a webinar to discuss how to use the toolkit in their own organization. There has been interest in the toolkit and participating in the upcoming webinar.</li> <li>• As part of our work supporting population specific networks, AOHT is supporting the Algoma Geriatric Network in finding community partners to support the work of the network.</li> <li>• Currently have 5 patient advisors and are looking to expand co-design opportunities within projects related to equity, digital health, and mental health &amp; addiction.</li> </ul>
<p>Adopt and implement a framework for</p>	On track	Victoria Aceti Chlebus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AOHT Transformation Office submitted the OHT Population Health Management and Equity Plan on July 29, 2022.</li> </ul>

equity, diversity, and inclusion			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AOHT is connecting organizations which have a current strategic focus on health and social equity. The initial meeting with these organizational representatives is set for early November.</li> </ul>
Improve community uptake of the <i>Algoma OHT Guiding Values and Principles</i> , which includes the <i>Ontario Patient, Family and Caregiver Declaration of Values (PFCDV)</i>	On track	Victoria Aceti Chlebus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The PFCDV has recently been approved by the Sault Area Hospital Board of Directors, so we are exploring ways to communicate the values to 1) staff and volunteers and 2) the community. Focuses of the communications include emphasizing that the values were written by patients, families, and caregivers from across Ontario and do not replace existing organizational values. We are currently planning to put a video together with patients speaking to these values and develop some signage/digital content.</li> </ul>
Increase organizational uptake of the Caregiver ID program	On track	Victoria Aceti Chlebus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three additional organizations have implemented the Caregiver ID program (Finnish Resthome, Mapleview and Algoma Manor) with three organizations who are in the process of/have expressed interest in implementing (North Shore Health Network and FJ Davey).</li> <li>Continuing to collaborate with the Ontario Caregiver Organization on avenues of continued collaboration.</li> </ul>

### BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR COLLABORATION

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<b>Digital Health:</b> Implement priorities from our <i>Harmonized Information Management Plan</i>	On track	Victoria Aceti Chlebus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In late June, the AOHT welcomed our Digital Health Coordinator to focus on digital and virtual approaches to care in Algoma. The AOHT consulted the membership to complete a virtual care baseline assessment to understand community use of and readiness for expanded virtual care. The results of this baseline assessment will be discussed at the November Leadership Council meeting.</li> </ul>

<b>Performance Measurement and cQIP:</b>	On track	Kendra Dumont	<b><i>Preventative Screening Clinics</i></b> The AOHT, in partnership with Algoma Public Health, Algoma Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic, Superior Family Health Team, and Group Health Centre, is hosting a series of Cervical Screening Clinics beginning on Friday, October 28, 2022. The clinics are aimed at serving patients who are unattached in our community.
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