

Burlington Ontario Health Team Announces New Executive Director

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(Burlington, ON) Today, the Burlington Ontario Health Team (BOHT) Steering Committee announced the appointment of Kathy Peters as the first Executive Director of the BOHT.

Since joining the BOHT at its inception in 2019 as Director, System Collaboration and Partnerships, Kathy has successfully led the co-design, planning and implementation of collaborative health and social care programs and services, digital health initiatives, and population health management planning and evaluation. Under her direction, new integrated care models and programs have been introduced to support seniors care, mental health and addictions, remote care management, and system navigation to support the Burlington community and surrounding areas.



Kathy's commitment to health equity has supported the development and implementation of a Patient, Family, Community Advisory Strategy focused on principles of equity, diversity, inclusion, and anti-racism. She oversaw the establishment of the BOHT's Community Wellness Council comprised of Patient, Family, Caregiver Advisors that serves as an advisory council to the BOHT Steering Committee.

"On behalf of the BOHT Steering Committee, it's a pleasure to welcome Kathy to her new position," says Eric Vandewall, Co-Chair of the BOHT Steering Committee and President and CEO of Joseph Brant Hospital. "Kathy has consistently demonstrated the leadership, skills, and resourcefulness to effectively manage an ever-changing health system environment, and inspire committed engagement among diverse communities, member and collaborator organizations, health professionals, community representatives, and staff. With her personable style, she has established strong working relationships that will help advance the BOHT into the future. We commend Kathy on her accomplishments and look forward to her continued success in her new role."

As Executive Director, Kathy will provide essential leadership in advancing the organization's strategic direction, culture, and stakeholder relationships. Responsibilities include the fulfillment of the BOHT mission, vision, and strategic plan, and serving as the lead management staff member for the soon to be incorporated BOHT.

After beginning her career as an Occupational Therapist, Kathy quickly advanced to leadership roles including the Hamilton, Niagara, Haldimand, Brant (HNHB) LHIN Strategic Lead of Behavioural Supports Ontario, and HNHB LHIN Director, Planning and Integration. As a believer

in continuous life-long learning, Kathy later completed a Masters of Business Administration at McMaster University's DeGroot School of Business.

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About the Burlington Ontario Health Team

The Burlington Ontario Health Team (BOHT) is a collaboration of 36 health and social service providers who work together to provide integrated services and supports to meet the healthcare needs of residents in Burlington and surrounding communities.

As one of the first Ontario Health Teams that the Government of Ontario announced in 2019, the BOHT's goal is to improve timely access to care, integrate service delivery with a focus on disease prevention and early identification, and ensure clients have seamless transitions among healthcare and social service providers. At the centre of this new model of care is the patient-primary care provider, the most enduring relationship established within the healthcare system.

For more information visit <https://www.burlingtonoht.ca/>.

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