

PRIMARY CARE ACTION PLAN

UPDATE #1

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

On January 27, 2025, the Ontario Government introduced the Primary Care Action Plan (PCAP) led by Dr. Jane Philpott. The PCAP's stated goal is to connect every person in Ontario to primary health care within five years.

PCAP Objectives:

- ✓ **Universal Access:** 100% of Ontarians attached to a family doctor or nurse practitioner working in a publicly funded team, ensuring ongoing and comprehensive care.
- ✓ **Investment in Primary Care:** The Ontario government is investing \$1.8 billion to connect two million more people to primary care services within four years (new and ongoing funding).
- ✓ **Interprofessional Care Teams:** The action plan emphasizes the use of interprofessional teams, which include family physicians, nurse practitioners, and other health care professionals such as nurses and social workers, to provide comprehensive care.

HOW CAN I STAY UP TO DATE?

As progress is made regular updates will be provided through this newsletter and posted on the BOHT website. If you are not on our distribution list, please email primarycare@burlingtonoht.ca or sign up for regular updates.

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HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

If you would like to be involved in primary care planning, please contact Maija McKibbin, primary care manager, at mmckibbin@burlingtonoht.ca for additional details.





HOW IS BURLINGTON OHT RESPONDING?

The Ontario Government is providing PCAP funding to communities with the greatest primary care needs first. PCAP funding is an application-based process through submissions coordinated by local Ontario Health Teams (OHTs) and their Primary Care Networks (PCNs). The Burlington Ontario Health Team (BOHT) has not yet been invited to apply for funding under the PCAP at this time. This was determined by the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health based on their assessment of primary care community needs in Burlington.

Understanding Primary Care Needs and Delivering a Shared Vision

Understanding our community's needs is the first step toward creating a shared vision for primary care and taking concrete action to build a more connected, effective system for both providers and patients.

Groundwork is underway to understand Burlington's primary care needs and position for future funding opportunities: From April through to June 2025, the BOHT and Burlington's Primary Care Clinical Lead led community engagement, data collection and a needs assessment.

Alongside the BOHT and Burlington's Primary Care Clinical Lead, Burlington's Primary Care Network Leadership Council (PCNLC) are serving in an advisory role to ensure planning and future proposals reflect the input and voices of our Burlington primary care community.

Development of Planning Teams

Under the guidance of the BOHT Executive Director, Clinical Lead and Primary Care Manager, we are establishing working groups that will develop models, standard pathways and processes to support attachment and access to comprehensive and interprofessional care that is available to all primary care providers and patients. These planning teams will also support the development of future funding proposals and Primary Care Action Plans for our community.

These planning teams are in the initial stages of their development and planning and will report their progress into the Primary Care Network Leadership Council.

PRIMARY CARE NETWORK LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

The Burlington Primary Care Network Leadership Council (PCNLC) provides strategic guidance, leadership, and expertise to inform the primary care network within the Burlington region. As an advisory body for the Burlington Ontario Health Team, the Council will offer insights and recommendations to inform primary care work taking place through the OHT.

Vision

To co-create an authentic, connected, and valued primary care community.

Values

Accountability
Authenticity
Connection

Mission

Engaging and supporting our family physicians and other providers by connecting as a community to share our common goal of providing effective and meaningful patient care while improving patient and provider experience.

Members

- Carole Beauvais
- Dr. Ryan Cross
- Dr. Frank Fornasier
- Dr. Sunita Goel
- Dr. Adam Greszlo
- Dr. Trevor Harrison
- Dr. Matthew Robinson
- Dr. Harpal Singh
- Dr. Angie Vohra

YOUR BURLINGTON ONTARIO HEALTH TEAM



Kathy Peters
Executive Director

Kathy has 22 years of progressive leadership experience in the private and public sectors of the health care industry and has led the development and implementation of award-winning models of care that reduce alternate levels of care days and improve timely transitions. She is passionate about improving the patient and family experience, developing cross-sector coalitions for the intention of innovation and integration, and striving to deliver services sustainably for current and future generations.



Dr. Sunita Goel
Clinical Lead

Dr. Goel is a Burlington born Primary Care Physician and advocate, passionate about improving the quality and equity of health care in our community.



Maija McKibbin
Primary Care Manager

Maija has dedicated over 10 years to the primary care sector. Her journey within primary care started as a primary care therapist in Northern Ontario where she worked with partner organizations to develop and deliver services to many underserved areas in the region. This eventually led her to practice in Hamilton/Burlington area. Upon completing her MHS in Health Administration, Maija continued her commitment to primary care through leadership with the Burlington OHT, striving to make a positive and sustainable impact on the patients and providers who make up its community.