



## **Wellington-Guelph Health and Housing Community Planning Table Key Messages**

**The following are the Key Messages from the Wellington-Guelph Health and Housing Community (HHC) Planning Table meetings that were held on October 22. Please share these key messages broadly with interested partners and stakeholders.**

1. Recruitment is on-going for a Health and Housing “Community Planning Project Manager” to support the work of the Planning Table. Members of the Community Planning Table agreed that a first task for the Manager will be to develop a broad communication strategy.
2. Membership for the ‘People with Lived Experience (PWLE) Advisory Group’ has now had two meetings. In September, the focus was on providing feedback on the ‘Winter Response Plan’. The November meeting will focus on a long-term strategy for daytime hubs / daytime services.
3. A small group is coming together to collaborate on the submission of a proposal for “Emergency Treatment” federal funding. A draft of the proposal will be shared with members of the Planning Table via for endorsement prior to submission on November 8th.
4. The ‘Guelph Wellington HART Hub’ proposal was submitted on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Table received the proposal for review and comment prior to submission. Congratulations to all who contributed to the application directly and to partners who have supported the collaborative efforts over the past years to position us to be ready to integrate the Hart Hub into the continuum of services for individual with complex health and housing needs.
5. The Table received recommendations from ‘Provision of Basic Needs for People Experiencing Homelessness Sub-Working Group’ regarding the City of Guelph \$450,000 basic needs funding including development, coordination and training of a ‘Coordinated, Intensive Outreach Service’ to be comprised of existing outreach workers from partner organizations (Note: The Sub-working group has identified that here are currently a total of 95 outreach workers in 15 service organizations in Guelph and Wellington County). A second recommendation was to fund initiatives to address current gaps in basic needs services and to develop a plan for sustainable services to meet the basic needs of those experiencing homelessness.
6. Amber Gillespie presented an outline of the work she is leading through a CIHR research grant. Amber is studying the complex mental healthcare delivery and housing network within the GW OHT. The study aims to identify the network's baseline and optimal state conditions, guided by the GW OHT's ‘One Team’ approach. The next step in the research is to survey members of the Tier 4/5 working group.