



## 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 meeting that was held on May 27, 2025. Please share these key messages broadly with interested partners and stakeholders.**

1. The Planning Table finalized a mission statement that will underpin their work: “Grounded in trust, collaboration, and the wisdom of lived experience, our mission is to collectively create and support a system where every member of our community has equitable access to safe, dignified, and connected health and housing services.” Input from the Lived Experience Advisory Group’s visioning sessions was used when developing this mission statement.
2. The Lived Experience Advisory Group is meeting every other month at this point, and their next meeting is scheduled for June 26th.
3. The City of Guelph is acting as a flow through funder for the Emergency Treatment Fund, partnering with Guelph CHC, Sanguen Health, and the Mount Forest Family Health Team. With this funding, Sanguen has hired additional staff to work as part of the Community Health Van team and are working to expand their community stops, with a focus on Wellington County. The Guelph Community Health Centre (GCHC) is hiring 6 new staff for their HOME (Health Outreach Mobile Engagement) team which will serve Guelph. The Mount Forest Family Health Team is adding additional Peer Workers for Rural Wellington; they anticipate accepting referrals for the trained staff in the coming weeks. All referrals and requests for support will flow through the Peer Coordinator, **Joe Wettlaufer**, who can be **contacted at 519-321-9671 (call/text)**. Or a referral can be made through the Rural Wellington Community Team referral form via OCEAN: [https://oceanhealthmap.ca/?rtRef=rural\\_wellington\\_com-70341752](https://oceanhealthmap.ca/?rtRef=rural_wellington_com-70341752)
4. The Provision of Basic Needs Sub-Working Group is currently implementing a coordinated outreach strategy and developing recommendations for encampment check-ins and daytime programming.
5. The Tier 4/ 5 working group, which works to support some of the most complex individuals in our community, shared that they are developing and implementing a process that would trigger a collaborative response when we know someone is struggling immensely and is at high risk for adverse outcomes. The protocol will be presented to the Planning Table for endorsement and Member organizations will be asked to sign onto it once developed.
6. As part of its communication strategy, the Planning Table will be opening up Community Partner Webinars to members of the public and will be holding these webinars to provide updates every six months. Additionally, the HHCPT website domain was purchased and the website is in development, scheduled to be launched in summer 2025.

### **Other Messages/Reminders**

7. The third Community Partner Meeting was held on June 4, 2025 via Zoom. The webinar provided an update on the work and achievements of the Wellington-Guelph Health & Housing Community Planning Table over the past year, and the recording can be viewed [here](#). The next Health and Housing Community Partner Webinar will be held on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Registration will be required, and a registration link will be shared closer to the date.
8. The One-year Report was released on June 4<sup>th</sup>, can be downloaded [here](#). The report was also presented to the Joint Social Services and Land Ambulance (JSSLAC) Committee on June 11<sup>th</sup>, for information.