



Wellington-Guelph Health and Housing Community Planning Table Meeting Agenda

Date: February 24, 2026, from 1:00-3:00pm

Location: CMHA Waterloo Wellington (737 Woolwich St, Guelph ON N1H 3Z2, Canada);
Community Room

Agenda items:

1. Welcome and Review Agenda (1:00 - 1:05 pm)

- a. Introductions & Welcome members from the Lived Experience Advisory Group (LEAG)
- b. Approve previous meeting minutes
- c. Review previous/outstanding action items

2. Background & Status Updates (1:05 - 1:20 pm)

- a. Indigenous-led Solutions – E. Perkins
- b. HART Hub: Supportive Housing & Crisis Stabilization Beds – M. Kwiatkowski
- c. Upcoming Consultations for 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan – D. Purdy
- d. Sustaining Outreach and Support Services – L. Artuso

3. Health and Housing Emergency Responses (1:20 - 1:55 pm)

Objective: Share progress of work in Emergency Response action areas. Report back on alignment of goals and outcomes as identified by health and housing partners working in emergency response.

Action Focus:

- a. Coordinated Outreach / Unsheltered Homelessness Check-ins (Action Area 11) – S. Gillies (15 min)
 - i. Supporting individuals who have service restrictions from Stepping Stone
 - What do comparable communities do to support individuals who are service restricted?
- b. Provision of Basic Needs (Action Area 4) – L. Artuso & D. McPherson (10 min)
 - i. Basic Needs
 - ii. Food security
 - iii. Warming/Cooling Centres

Planning Focus:

- c. Emergency Response Health and Housing Meetings: Alignment of Goals and Outcomes (Action Area 3) – A. Purewal (10 min)

4. Housing First (1:55 – 2:30 pm)

Objective: Establish a shared understanding of the Housing First approach, including the principles/characteristics, application, and fidelity to the model. Discuss the Housing First approach as a model to guide planning and delivery of health and housing integration.

- a. Overview – Ashley Barnes-Cocke, Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (20 min)
- b. Discussion of Housing First Delivery Locally – What has previously been successful? What are we trying to achieve?

*Indicates Attachment



- 5. Policy Advocacy & Funding (Action Area 9) (2:30 – 2:45)**
 - a. Update on Advocacy Strategy – D. Purdy
 - b. Pre-budget Advocacy Letter* – D. McPherson
 - c. Advocacy strategy to upper levels of government for rent support – K. Cairney
 - d. Joint Funding Opportunities/Applications
 - i. Build Canada Homes Funding – E. Philips
 - ii. HRIF Round 3 Funding – A. Purewal
 - iii. Emergency Treatment Funding – L. Artuso

- 6. Round Table Updates (2:45 - 2:55 pm)**

See Appendix A for list of activities. Provide new/critical updates, as required.

- 7. Wrap-Up (2:55 – 3:00 pm)**
 - a. Key Messages
 - b. Next Meeting

Appendix A: List of Topics for Round Table Updates

1. Upcoming opportunities for collaboration/funding proposals – All Members
2. Shared Services Health Funding – M. Kwiatkowski
3. Privacy/Information-sharing between health and housing providers – M. Kwiatkowski & K. Young
4. Homelessness Reduction Innovation Fund Application – S. Gillies
5. Coordinated Outreach Response/Unsheltered Homelessness Check-ins – S. Gillies & K. Young
6. Needle exchange and drug checking program – M. Kwiatkowski
7. Housing Stability Rent Support (HSRS) Programme – D. Purdy
8. Emergency Treatment Funding/HOME Van – C. Clack-Bush
9. Winter Response Plan – L. Artuso
10. Services at Royal City Mission – L. Artuso
11. CIHR Research – A. Gillespie
12. Daytime Programming Plan Task Force – L. Artuso
13. County of Wellington's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan – D. Purdy
14. Other updates, as needed