

EXTENSION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

MOTION

Be It Resolved that the Board of Directors approve the extension of the Algoma Ontario Health Team's (AOHT) MOU Partnership "Agreement" until March 31, 2023.

BACKGROUND

The Algoma OHT was designated on 23rd day of July, 2020 by the Minister of Health under the *Connecting Care Act, 2019* with the intention to work together to achieve their shared vision of providing a continuum of integrated health, social and health promotion services to the persons to whom they provide care and services for the people of Algoma.

In October of 2020, our AOHT partners signed an MOU that outlines the agreement whereas the AOHT was an integrated team that jointly plans and delivers health, social and health promotion services, and whereas the member organization would like to participate as a partner or as an advisor as part of the AOHT. The MOUs are set to expire on October 31, 2022.

In late 2021, the AOHT undertook a leadership and governance review supported by the Leadership Council to strengthen shared accountability and decision-making models. The review was presented to the Leadership Council in February 2022. A governance sub-committee was formed in May 2022 to begin implementing a number of recommendations that came from the leadership and governance review. Over the last several months, the governance sub-committee began meeting to discuss foundational challenges and set out a plan to guide the work over the short to long term.

CONSIDERATIONS

- A decision was made by the Province that the AOHT will expand to include formal partnership with North and East Algoma. With the current uncertainty on the joining of North and East Algoma to the AOHT, paired with the expectation that governance direction will be coming from the Ministry of Health in late fall, the governance sub-committee has decided to take a pause until mid-October. This decision was supported and endorsed by the Executive Committee (Tri-chairs).
- It is anticipated that additional governance and membership guidance from the Ministry of Health will be provided in November 2022. As such, the AOHT paused on evolving its decision making model and have not formally signed any new MOUs with North and East Algoma. They remain invited to participate in Leadership Council meetings.
- Consideration was given to hosting another 'all partner Boards' session; however, has not been pursued as there is little clarity surrounding next steps for extended membership.
- Updates to the existing MOU are the expiration date of March 31, 2023 and removal of Erik Landriault as signatory for the AOHT to Victoria Aceti Chlebus.
- The extension of the MOU does not affect the Transfer Payment Agreement expiring September 30, 2023.
- The recommendation to extend until March 31, 2023 will allow time to receive, understand, and apply any new direction from the Ministry regarding geographic expansion and renewed decision-making models.

- All AOHT work will continue as set out in the 2022-23 Annual Plan until March 31, 2023.
- Should organizations decide not to extend the MOU, they will no longer be considered an AOHT member organization.
- As the Fundholder, there are no additional risks anticipated during this period of MOU extension.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The AOHT recommends that the Board of Directors approve the Leadership Council representative sign the extension of the AOHT MOU until March 31, 2023.

NEXT STEPS

- The AOHT will send a copy of the updated MOU to each Leadership Council representative for review.
- The Leadership Council representative will return the signed MOU extension to the Director, Integrated Care (Victoria.aceti@algomaohht.ca) prior to **October 31, 2022.**
- The Director, Integrated Care will archive the signed document and keep the Ministry of Health and Ontario Health informed.

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