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Subject: Seeking Letter of Support - Tillsonburg Community Health Care Committee- Oxford County Community Health Centre (OCCHC) Expression of Interest Overview
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TO: Tillsonburg Community Health Care Committee (C/O Laura Pickersgill, EA, Town of Tillsonburg)

RE: Interprofessional Primary Care (IPC) Team Expansion Expression of Interest - Seeking Your Letter of Support to Expand the OCCHC Team in Tillsonburg

The Ministry of Health & Ontario Health have released a call for expression of interest (EOI) to connect more people with primary care in communities across the province, including additional funding to create more interprofessional primary care (IPC) teams to help make care more accessible for people. As part of this, the Ministry of Health & Ontario Health are moving forward with a process to expand existing teams and/or create up to 18 new teams in communities with the greatest need. These multidisciplinary care teams will provide direct care to ***vulnerable, marginalized, and unattached - those without a primary care provider.***

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OCCHC Executive Summary – Expression of Interest:

The staff and Board of the Oxford County Community Health Centre strongly believe that we are well-positioned for IPC growth, **with a focus on expanding the CHC team in Tillsonburg.** Our evidence supports the fact that complex, marginalized residents of Tillsonburg and area are significantly underserved with respect to primary care.

Based on our 13 years of experience in serving highly complex individuals across Oxford County, it is our intent to seek a **Full Time Nurse Practitioner** for **on-site clinical practice** at the [Livingston Centre](#), as well as medical street outreach via our **Mobile Health Outreach Bus**. The OCCHC has been located at the Livingston Centre “hub of services” for over 10 years. Our current OCCHC Tillsonburg team includes Community Outreach Worker (Abbie), Mental Health & Substance Use Therapist (Carly Ann), & Housing Stability (Taylor Ritchie). Taylor also oversees the programming at our new Transitional Living House – the *Light House* – in Tillsonburg.

To further augment the team to meet local community needs, it is our intent to seek an additional **Full Time Registered Nurse**, as well as **Full Time Social Worker – Counselling & System Navigation**, given substantiated needs in the south of Oxford County. Unattached individuals that we register for Primary Care will also have increased, barrier-free access to our full range of OCCHC wraparound services through our main Centre (e.g. RAAM, Dental Clinic, Dietitian, Physiotherapy, Sexual Assault Services). **See attached Schematic.**

To bolster our reach & impact, a key partner in our proposed “circle of care” expansion will be the Oxford County Community Paramedics, who will provide 24/7 off-hours medical interventions for the individuals associated with our services in Tillsonburg, who may require medical assistance & monitoring “in the moment”, thereby diverting ED hospital presentations and or admissions.

We are kindly seeking a letter of support from the Tillsonburg Community Health Care Committee specific to our collaborative work in serving marginalized, vulnerable, unattached residents of Tillsonburg.

Thank you in advance for your support, and continued advocacy on behalf of Oxford residents. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, with my thanks.

Randy Peltz

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