



February 17, 2023

Mayor Morgan and City Council
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue, PO Box 5035
London ON N6A 4L9

Dear Honourable Mayor Morgan and Members of City Council:

Re: Support of the Health & Homelessness Whole of Community System Response

The Thames Valley Family Health Team strongly supports the proposed solution, which is based on a common set of principles and functions that were agreed upon by all participants at the recent Health and Homelessness Summits.

We believe that London can lead the way provincially in demonstrating that collaborative transformation is possible. It is encouraging to see progress being made in the building of new, strengthened relationships between organizations in many sectors and roles, and our organization is committed to supporting the process.

For example, The Community Hub on Queens Ave. is a visionary collaborative approach to service delivery for persons experiencing homelessness. Our organization is committed to providing long-term, team-based primary health care at The Community Hub, and to supporting our partners -- London Cares Homeless Response Services, the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph, Regional HIV/AIDS Connection – in serving individuals who might otherwise fail to receive the services they require.

The Thames Valley Family Health Team strongly urges City Council to act in favour of this work by supporting this community plan and supporting the allocation of London Community Recovery Network funding to initiate implementation.

Ultimately this is about saving lives, alleviating suffering, mitigating the community impact of this crisis and safeguarding London's health and prosperity for the future.

Sincerely,

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Dr. Kellie Scott
Chair, Board of Directors

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Mike McMahon
Executive Director