

February 22, 2023

City Council
Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

RE: Health & Homelessness Whole of Community System Response

This letter serves as confirmation of the Middlesex London OHT's support for the Health & Homelessness Whole of Community System Response.

The Middlesex London OHT (MLOHT) was pleased to be part of such a comprehensive, cross-sectoral process. Individuals and organizations from across the community – from community health and social services, institutional healthcare, education, emergency services, business and economic development, land and housing development, City of London staff, and staff from other levels of government – came together with a commitment to do things differently, together. That, in and of itself, is unique and transformational. It is something that has never been done before in London and is something to be recognized and celebrated.

The proposed solution is based on a common set of principles and functions, which were agreed upon by all participants and which we strongly support. We are already seeing progress in the breaking down of silos and barriers, and the building of new, strengthened relationships between organizations in a multitude of sectors and roles, including via the Circle of Support.

The MLOHT is committed to supporting the process in any way it can. This may include:

- Co-design support/coaching,
- the MLOHT Patient/Client, Care Partner Council informing a governance structure that empowers the voice of those with lived/living experience,
- Informing governance and decision-making structure that is grounded in trust, transparency, collaboration and health equity,
- alignment with the Mental Health and Addictions Collaborative Quality Improvement Plan (cQiP), and
- supporting the backbone structure.

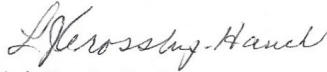
We believe London can play a key role as a leader in the province in demonstrating that collaborative transformation is possible. There has never been a more important time to support an effort like this.

Our organization 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 work is about saving lives, alleviating suffering, mitigating the whole of community impacts of this crisis and safeguarding our community's health and prosperity for the future.

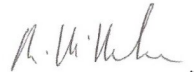


Please consider this letter as formal support of our OHT, acknowledging the strong alignment of this work with Middlesex London OHT's purpose of improving our healthcare experience together – where people are heard, care is connected, and whole health is possible for everyone.

Yours truly,



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