



Health Matters | April 2026

Health Matters is the Huron Perth & Area Ontario Health Team's (HPA-OHT) Monthly eNewsletter. For a deeper understanding of these topics, follow the links provided to access full articles and resources. Your engagement is crucial to our community's growth and success.

Governance & Policy Corner

Key updates from All-Member Meetings, governance changes, and evolving policies that impact healthcare delivery and system planning.

Reminder: Virtual All Members Meeting Next Week



Join us for a virtual All Members Meeting (AMM) on **Tuesday, April 28, from 9:00-10:30am** via Teams. Invitations have been sent out. If you did not receive an invitation, please email ohr@hpaohr.ca.

[Review Previous AMM Notes](#)

Reminder: Complete the 2026 All Members Survey



HPA-OHT has launched the mandatory 2026 All Members Survey. The survey link and a PDF copy have been emailed to EDs/CEOs/organizational leadership and Executive Assistants on file.

Please submit responses as soon as possible.

[Complete the Survey](#)

Physician Advisory Council (PAC) Evolves into Clinical Leadership Council (CLC)



The CLC represents the evolution of more than six years of clinical collaboration through the PAC. HPA-OHT is pleased to share the elected members of the CLC.

[Read the Article](#)

Call for Participation in the HPA-OHT Health Equity Working Group (HEWG)



To help our region better understand and respond to the social and structural factors that influence health outcomes, the HPA-OHT is establishing a Health Equity Working Group (HEWG).

[Read the Article](#)

[Complete the Form](#)

Welcome, Samuel Henderson!



We're pleased to welcome Sam Henderson as the HPA-OHT's new Integration Analytics and Performance Lead. Sam's role focuses on turning data into clear, useful information that supports better planning, care improvement, and system-wide decision-making.

[Read the Article](#)

An Executive Leadership Update from the STAR Family Health Team



"After 14 years of dedicated and visionary leadership, STAR Family Health Team announces the retirement of Executive Director Monique Hancock, effective at the end of April..."

[Read the Full Statement](#)

Integrated Care Initiatives

Updates on programs and partnerships that improve access to coordinated care, including primary care expansion, mental health and addictions services, and virtual health solutions.

Primary Care Funding Announcement – Congratulations!



We are pleased to share some great news for primary care and community residents across Huron Perth & Area. **This investment supports a shared goal of attaching all Huron Perth & Area residents who are currently without a family doctor or nurse practitioner.** We are grateful for the time, collaboration, and leadership that went into developing and submitting the proposal for this work, as it is another clear example of what we can achieve when we work as a team within the system.

We will share more details in the coming weeks about next steps. If your organization receives any media inquiries, please direct them to [Robin Spence-Haffner](#) or [Nicole Vlasman](#) to support coordinated messaging.

[Read the Media Release](#)

Resources, Updates & Events

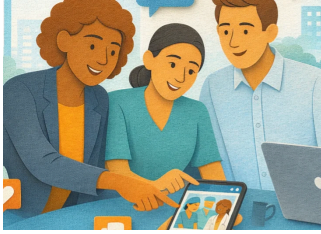
Building Foundations for Equity, Inclusion, Diversity, Anti-Racism Course



This course equips leadership and staff from across HPA-OHT member/partner organizations with practical tools to strengthen cultural safety, anti-racism, and inclusive practices in everyday work. Last year's participants reported increased confidence using inclusive language, deeper understanding of systemic racism and Indigenous cultural safety, and clear intent to apply learning in practice.

[Register Now](#)

HPA-OHT Social Media Content for May



Here are some main pieces of content HPA-OHT is planning to share in the month of May on Facebook and LinkedIn. Please follow our HPA-OHT pages and share posts as you see fit on your organization's social media channels

- Addressing the unattached population – Register for Health Care Connect, Know Your Options in Huron Perth & Area, including digital options (Unattached Care Clinics, Health811, 211, Virtual Urgent Care, etc.)
- Cancer Screening Awareness
- Recruitment for HPA-OHT Patient, Family, Caregiver Advisory Council (PFAC)

For questions, or if you would like more information in advance, please email [Nicole Vlasman](mailto:Nicole.Vlasman).

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Workshops & Webinars

HPA-OHT continues to share educational resources and opportunities offered by external agencies. These opportunities align with our commitment to continuous learning and development. Each listing includes registration links and additional information for your convenience:

Learn More



Latest News and Alerts from Huron Perth Public Health

Missing a meeting invite? Email ohr@hpaohr.ca to request the link

Do you have news, resources or education that you'd like other HPA-OHT members to know about?

We invite you to contribute to this shared resource by submitting relevant workshops, webinars, news, or resources that you believe would be valuable to fellow members. Your input will help enrich the experience and learning opportunities available to our entire community.

Please send your suggestions to nicole.vlasman@hpaohr.ca.

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