



Kawartha Lakes OHT

Connecting local care

What's new:

- Welcoming new members
- Virtual Care & Coaching Project
- Community Paramedic Remote Monitoring Program
- Patient Family Advisory Council
- Ministry of Health Resources

We are proud to welcome new members to our growing team

The Kawartha Lakes Ontario Health Team (KL-OHT) has been hard at work over the past few months growing our team and further developing projects that support our community.

We are pleased to announce several new team members have joined our growing OHT. We are excited to welcome Stephanie MacLaren, KL-OHT Executive Director, effective September 7, 2021. Visit [our website](#) to learn more about Stephanie's career and her vision for KL-OHT.

We are also delighted to welcome Joanne Jury, Health Care Navigation Lead, Hareem Ijaz, Business Analyst & Decision Support Specialist and Amanda Poirier, Marketing & Communications Specialist. Tracy Bromell has served as our OHT Clinical Healthcare Coach for several months and is now expanding her role into the Healthcare Technical Coach for the KL-OHT.



Stephanie
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Jury



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Amanda
Poirier



Tracy
Bromell

Community Paramedic Remote Monitoring Program

KL-OHT has received funding for a Community Paramedic Remote Monitoring Program (CPRPM) in efforts to further enhance access to care and support our vulnerable population. CPRPM enlists the expertise of Community Paramedics to provide at home education and remote patient monitoring services to people living with CHF, COPD, diabetes and other comorbidities.

The Community Paramedic team has successfully trialed these remote devices with patients within the OHT and has the capacity to expand to 50 patients at a time with a sustainable plan of transitioning patients to the recently implemented Virtual Care & Coaching Program.



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Update on the Virtual Care & Coaching Program

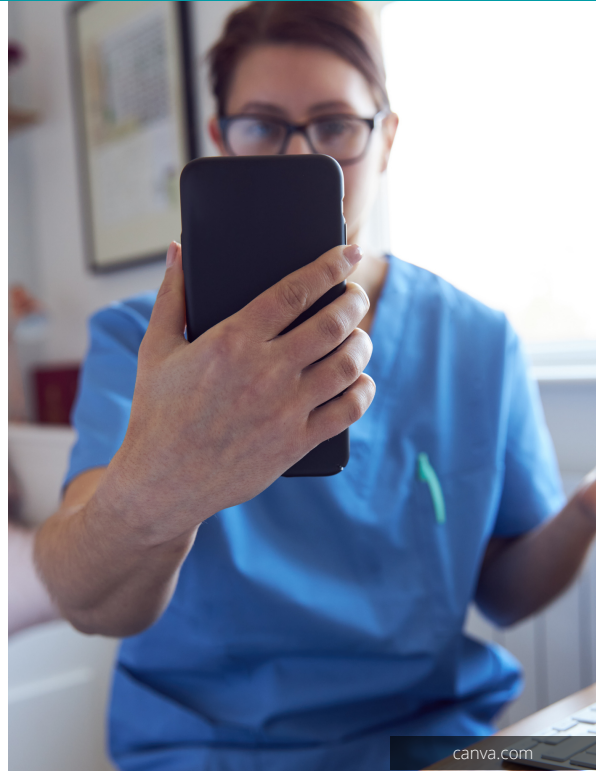
We are making great strides with the Virtual Care & Coaching Program, which helps clients that are new to technology connect to virtual health care and social interaction opportunities that are increasingly available. To date, the Virtual Care & Coaching Program (VCP) has assisted over 40 people in enhancing their health and social connections with technology and internet support. Some of those clients were also assisted to register for their COVID-19 vaccines and arrange transportation to the clinic.

The program's Clinical Healthcare Coach, Tracy Bromell, teaches program participants how to use an iPad, Smart phone or computer to make virtual connections to resources, activities and family members.

Our oldest client is 91 years old and Tracy supports him virtually with weekly Zoom calls. Because of COVID some clients had not been able to see their family members for many months and were overjoyed to be able to see them virtually through their devices.

There is no charge for this program and devices are provided on a long-term loan basis. New clients are always welcome!

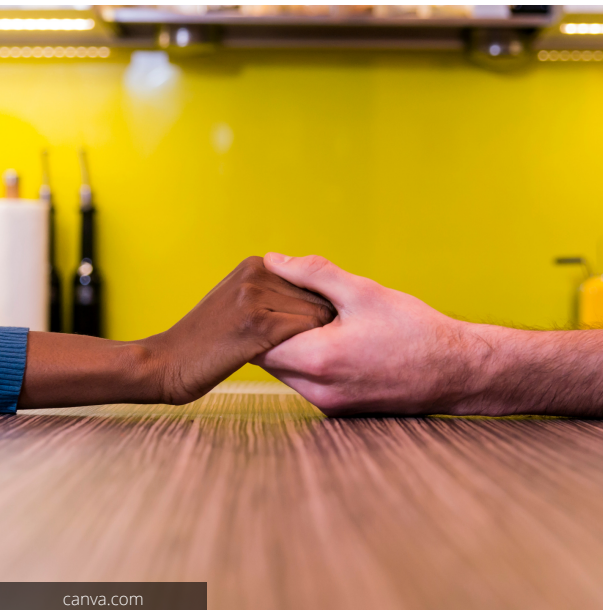
To learn more about the Virtual Care & Coaching Program, visit kawarthalakesoht.ca or contact Tracy Bromell by email at tbromell@rmh.org.



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Patient Family Advisory Council Update

We continue to develop our strategy for the Patient Family Advisory Council (PFAC) where we will collaborate with patients, families and caregivers and key stakeholders to understand issues, concerns and aspirations around connecting local care within our community. With the PFAC, we will ensure input is incorporated to the maximum extent possible and will advise how consultation affected the decisions made.

The PFAC provides the opportunity for community representatives to play a key advisory role in transforming and connecting local care. We will be looking for additional members of the community to join the PFAC in the coming months, so please follow our social media channels to ensure you don't miss any updates!

Using Ministry of Health Resources to Grow Kawartha Lakes OHT

We are making full use of supports being provided by the Ministry of Health, including attending a series of webinars on Coaching for Collaboration, participating on various Communities of Practice including Evaluation, and more. We are also using other tools and resources from OHT support programs, such as the Rapid Improvement Support and Exchange ([RISE](#)) and Health System Performance Network ([HSPN](#)) to help with the development of the KL-OHT.

What does this mean for residents throughout our communities? Kawartha Lakes has its own OHT, and planning to date has been focused on setting up the foundations of our OHT, understanding local needs, and advancing a vision for easier and more seamless access to care and navigation of health and wellness services.

We have a lot to look forward to over the coming months as we work to achieve our vision of connecting local care. If you'd like to get involved and join us as a Patient/Client Partner or as a Partner, please visit our [website](#) for more information. You can also follow our social media channels to stay connected with all of our latest news and updates.



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