

Summary notes for Margaret Youngs – June Temagami FHT meeting:

- The Timiskaming Area OHT has received official approval. A website for the OHT is being developed and is expected to be live in the coming weeks. The OHT is also going to be recruiting an administrative/implementation lead. A job posting should be published in the coming days/weeks. An announcement was made by the Ministry of Health that all OHTs will receive \$750,000 per year x 3 years for a total of \$2.2 million starting April 1, 2024. Guidelines have not yet been shared by the MOH in terms of how the funding is to be used, but there is an expectation that it will not be able to be used to enhance/increase frontline resources. One of the priorities of the newly approved OHT will be to establish a patient and family advisory council;
- Dr. Goddard's RNPGA complement has increased from 1.0 physician to 2.0 physicians. Dr. Logan has signed on as the 2nd physician, effective August 1, 2023;
- COVID is once again surging. The FHT has received direction from the MOH in terms of fall/winter preparedness of respiratory illnesses. A COVID booster clinic will be held at the FHT in early December;
- The FHT held a flu clinic on Oct 16th at which time over 100 high dose flu vaccines were given to patients in the 65+ age group;
- The Temagami FHT is now offering IV Iron Infusino therapy to patients in need;
- A number of communities have started community cupboards/fridges. This is something being discussed by the Temagami FHT. It's been deferred to the team's patient and family advisory council for further discussion;
- The team's RPN is now credentialled as a certified diabetes educator having completed the training and passing the exam.
- The Temagami FHT's expansion request is expected to received approval by December. That said, a part-time registered psychotherapist has been recruited to provide mental health services to Cobalt and Latchford patients. Both clinics are being invoiced to help cover the cost of this service.