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Development of new BBOHT logo

by Jessica Ackland

A new logo has been developed for the Brantford Brant Ontario Health Team. With input from Sarah Cannon and the People with Lived Experience Advisory Group we were able to narrow five logo options down to a group favourite. This improved design will be used to more appropriately brand our social media, website and other communications materials for the public.



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Ocean E-referral Pilot projects

Contributions by John Stoneman

Great progress is being made with two Ocean e-referral projects; 1) the pilot project between the BGH Emergency Department and St. Paul's Clinic, and 2) the e-referral project between primary care and BGH Diagnostic Imaging. The intention of these two projects is to help automate the current laborious, paper and fax-based processes. The successful implementation of platforms such as OCEAN e-Referral will help improve patient outcomes and ultimately the patient, and health provider experience.

While these projects are still in the early stages, the BBOHT is hopeful that the adoption of OCEAN e-referral will continue to advance throughout Brantford Brant in the coming months.

Pediatric COVID Assessment Centre opens in Brantford

The coming cold and flu season will increase the number of children who develop viral symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19. Starting November 2, 2021 the Pediatric COVID Assessment Clinic will provide a convenient and safe option for children and their families who may require a COVID test as well as support in managing mild viral symptoms.

The clinic will be located at the current Brantford COVID-19 Assessment Centre and appointments will be available 7 days a week, 1-4PM. Appointments will be booked through the patient's primary care provider if they are unable to be seen in the office.





Dementia Embedded Team evaluates job roles

Contributions by Cailynn Bateson

The Dementia embedded team at the Brantford General Hospital Emergency Department has made huge strides in diverting patients presenting with a diagnosis of dementia to outpatient care. With a diversion rate of 65%, 69 patients in Quarter 2 (88 YTD) were successfully diverted to alternative care from the BGH ED.

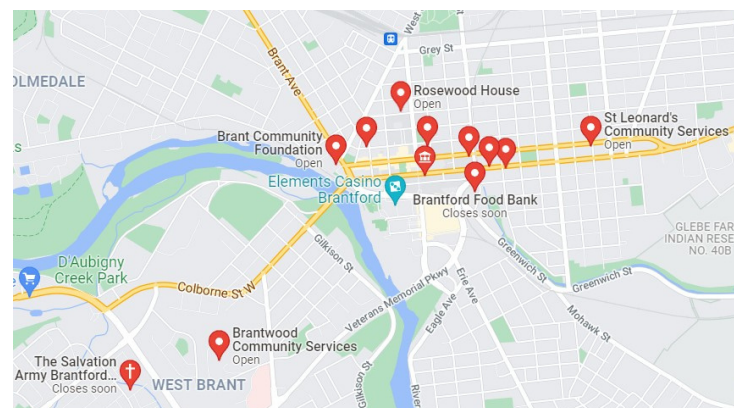
The embedded team, headed by Lisa Clarkson at The John Noble Home is currently completing a survey created by the BBOHT to identify their barriers to work, communication needs, role limitations and individual suggestions to create a more streamlined diversion process.

BBOHT introduces Shelter Health referral form

Contributions by Maritza Yawching-Robertson

Persons experiencing homelessness in Brantford can now receive primary care at seven (7) shelter health clinics as part of an enhanced outreach program. The BBOHT has helped to develop a GRCHC Shelter Health Referral Form so that individuals who are homeless that come/are admitted into the Brantford ED are able to be more easily redirected to primary care outreach support services. Seven (7) shelters in Brantford will now have access to an on-site Nurse Practitioner and Registered Nurse.

This primary care outreach team aims to provide health care to people who are homeless or precariously housed and have no family doctor. A health card is not required for a visit at the Shelter Health clinic sites and this service is available to both men and woman experiencing homelessness.

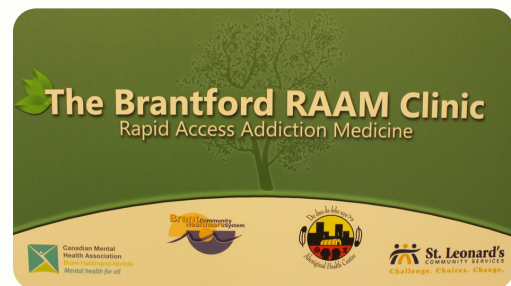


Implementation of The Brant Rapid Addiction Support program

Contributions by Daniel Sirivar

The BBOHT has aided in the care pathway implementation of The Brant Rapid Addiction Support Program. This program extends community-based addictions supports (a Nurse Practitioner and Case Manager) into the emergency department of the Brant Community Healthcare System to support the care and transition of clients with opioid use disorders into the community.

Individuals who enter the Emergency Department with Opioid use-related issues or concerns will be supported and transitioned to community programs such as RAAM (Rapid Access Addiction Medicine) and WMTS (Withdrawal Management Treatment Services) that can provide individualized care and support. The goal of this program is to ease access to care and increase awareness of the programs available for those in our community experiencing challenges related to their opioid use.



TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

The BBOHT is pleased to announce that Kim Sheehan has joined the Ontario Health Team Secretariat as the Health Care Navigation Service Lead. Kim was seconded to this role on a part-time basis starting October 25, 2021.

Kim has extensive experience working in various leadership roles in the health care sector in Ontario, as well as across Canada, including in acute care, primary care, home and community care (Local Health Integration Network) and in direct service provider organizations. She is currently the Director, Primary Care and Community Health at the Grand River Community Health Centre. Kim has a BSc in Nursing from McMaster, an MSc in Applied Health Sciences from Brock University and multiple certifications.