

BBOHT BUZZ

The official Brantford Brant OHT newsletter



DIGITAL HEALTH JOB OPENINGS

The BBOHT Digital Health Team is excited to announce that they are in the process of recruiting two new positions to support the ramp-up and delivery of the various digital health initiatives (planned and/or underway) within the Brantford and Brant Community. There are currently now two open positions: Project Manager, Digital Health and Change Management specialist. These positions will play a key role in the successful

implementation and adoption of our ongoing digital health projects.

The ideal candidates for both positions will have 3+ years of experience in the Healthcare or eHealth field and a post-secondary degree in Health, Information Technology, IT Management or equivalent. If you know someone who would be a good candidate for these positions please have them apply by sending their resume to contact@brantoht.ca or visit our LinkedIn page for more information.

In this issue

Digital Health job openings

PWLE recruitment

eReferral Rollout

*COVID-19 Assessment
Centre Update*

*Vaccine & flu shot
outreach*



BRANTFORD BRANT
ONTARIO HEALTH TEAM



PWLE GROUP RECRUITMENT

The Brantford Brant OHT is looking to increase their network of People With Lived Experience (PWLE) to be a contributing voice in our community. The goal of this network is to guide discussions from the perspectives of those who use the services and can have a meaningful impact on how our local healthcare will be delivered. In particular the PWLE group is seeking people to participate in working groups with experiences in the following systems:

- Mental Health and Addictions
- Homelessness
- Dementia/Alzheimers
- Home and Community Care
- Palliative Care

If you or someone you know would be a good fit for this workgroup visit our website at brantoh.ca and fill out the expression of interest or email contact@brantoh.ca.

"The best way to improve our healthcare system is to build it in partnership with the people who use these services"

PWLE WORKGROUP



E-REFERRAL PILOT MAKES PROGRESS

Progress continues this month with the OCEAN eReferral pilot projects between the BGH Emergency Department and St. Paul's Clinic, as well as BGH Diagnostic Imaging. As these pilot projects continue to advance over the next few months, the focus will shift to further expanding the roll-out of OCEAN eReferral to even more Brantford health providers. The implementation and adoption of OCEAN eReferral is led by the eHealth Center of Excellent (eCE) and is 100% funded by the Ministry of Health! The BBOHT Digital Health Team in conjunction with the eCE will be scheduling OCEAN eReferral Demos and Q&A sessions for individual workgroups and organizations within the BBOHT. These demos will offer a glimpse into what the program has to offer our community partners, as well as to explore functionality and identify any barriers to success within the rollout plan.

The OCEAN information sessions come on the heels of a successful Digital Health Week (Nov 29 - Dec 5) where the BBOHT broadcast their digital health initiatives on social media. The main area of focus for Digital Health Week was the need for increased technology in the healthcare system in order to keep up in our rapidly evolving world. As implementation of OCEAN eReferral has been very slow in Brantford Brant, relative to other areas of the province, there is an enormous opportunity to quickly advance implementation and adoption.

The hope of the BBOHT Digital Health team is that the successful implementation of eReferral platforms such as OCEAN will help improve patient outcomes and ultimately the patient, and health provider experience in Brantford and Brant County.



PEDIATRIC ASSESSMENT CENTRE UPDATE

The Brantford Pediatric COVID-19 Assessment Centre is now fully operational at the site of the existing Brantford COVID-19 Assessment Centre (79 Market Street S). This clinic provides a convenient and safe option for children and their families who may require a COVID test as well as physician support in managing mild viral symptoms.

The clinic has been fully operation now for six weeks and sees an average 5-6 patients per day, 7 days per week. This has been very helpful in alleviating pressure on primary care and Emergency Departments to see those who may otherwise be left without appointments due to COVID-19 screening protocols.

FLU SHOT & COVID VACCINE OUTREACH

The BBOHT Homelessness Team is working with community partners to increase the availability of COVID-19 vaccines (first and second doses) and influenza vaccines for those in our community experiencing homelessness. An outreach response is being implemented to extend vaccination services into the community where homeless clientele typically access other services such as meal programs and outreach support. The Brantford Downtown Outreach Team (St. Leonard's Community Services and Grand River Community Health Centre), Brantford EMS and the Brant County Health Unit are working to offer vaccines via mobile clinics in January. Health cards will be recommended but not required. Additional outreach services will be provided, including primary care services and winter warmth support.

