

# HOMELESS HEALTH PEEL (HHP)

LTC/supportive beds for medically fragile  
individuals and low income seniors experiencing  
homelessness

AND

Designated Primary Care Provider for Shelters in  
Peel



# Why Support Homeless Health Peel ?

- HHP continues to support the covid 19 response
- HHP established nursing service that can provide primary care and addictions and mental healthcare delivery in a culturally appropriate and evidence based treatment approach relevant to the population of Peel.
- Low income seniors and homeless residents in the region currently do not have a facility where they have access to 24/7 care other than the hospital
- HHP provides timely primary care in shelters and drop-ins centres across Peel
- HHP creates continuity of care for residents that are homeless but need their healthcare needs met
- HHP provides cost effective healthcare with dignity
- Region of Peel Population Health Outcomes being met, less use of the ERs in Peel, continuity of care goals being met

# The Problem

## (Healthcare and Housing Access)

- By Region of Peel's own assessments, current housing capacity is not adequate to support low income seniors and homeless residents of Peel
- The course of the pandemic has shown us and continues to show us hospitals cannot be the place where healthcare is accessed, especially for the most vulnerable
- Ministry of Health and Ministry of Long Term Care has not made Homeless Health Peel a service provider at this time

# Solution

- HHP has acquired a building that can facilitate 30 beds for low income seniors experiencing homelessness, and have other chronic health comorbidities. This site can be operational as of April 1 2022.
- Designate HHP as a primary care service provider
- Capital and Operational cost assistance
- This property was purchased with the understanding that Reaching Home funding and Region of Peel rent subsidy would be provided for residents. This needs to be done in order for the site to be operational. This has not been done. It should be done.

# Region of Peel Support

- Letter of support and understanding to support the work of Homeless Health Peel
- Expedited Region of Peel Rent Subsidy funds allocation for future residents of the LTC/supportive housing
- Establish HHP as the primary care healthcare provider for ROP funded shelters and drop-ins centres for residents experiencing homelessness
- Regional partnership in the LTC/supportive beds alongside Homeless Health Peel for this specific site
- Region's urgent advocacy for service provider designation with the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Long Term Care
- Passing a motion to support the organization and assign resources to help meet these goals

# Contd

- The Region of Peel currently does not have a Shelter Health Network
- Other municipalities/health units like: Hamilton, Thunder Bay, Ottawa, and Toronto all have established primary care and healthcare services embedded in the shelter system throughout the municipality
- The need in Peel has been established, and HHP has started to address the health concerns of this population, but we need continued supports
- HHP nursing delivery plan is endorsed by Peel Alliance to End Homelessness (PAEH) and most of its partners