

TO: Chair and Members of the Board of Health

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SUMMARY INFORMATION REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

Recommendation

It is recommended that Report No. 017-19 re: “Summary Information Report – February 2019” be received for information.

Key Points

- The Premier’s Council released its first report on hallway health care, identifying areas of strain on the health-care system. Public health units were not directly mentioned in the Council’s report. MLHU and partners are preparing submissions to the relevant consultations.

Health Unit Response to the Premier’s Council Report on [Hallway Health Care: A System Under Strain](#)

The Premier’s Council recently released its first report on hallway health care with the aim to: improve health and wellness outcomes for Ontarians, obtain higher patient satisfaction, obtain greater efficiency in the use of taxpayers’ dollars, and reduce wait times. A second report will be released in spring 2019 focusing on four key themes: integrated care around the patient and across providers; use of virtual care and apps, and ensuring patients can access their own health data; achieving greater efficiency in streamlining and aligning system goals to support high-quality care; and a long-term care plan to ensure the right mix of health-care professionals, services, and beds. Public health units were not directly mentioned in the Council’s report, although the report does reference social determinants of health. MLHU is working in collaboration with COMOH and aPHa to bring forward public health contributions to this important work.

This report was prepared by the Healthy Living Division.



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