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Thames Valley Family Health Team secures funding for innovative Health & Homelessness Primary Care Response Plan

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London, ON – Thames Valley Family Health Team (TVFHT) is pleased to announce the acquisition of substantial funding from the Ontario Government to launch a pioneering Health and Homelessness Primary Care Response Plan in collaboration with local healthcare partners. This initiative represents a significant step towards addressing the critical intersection of health and homelessness within our community.

Aligned with the emerging Health & Homelessness (HH) Whole of Community System Response from the City of London, the Primary Care Services facilitated by this initiative will provide comprehensive support to those experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.

Mike McMahon, TVFHT, says: "As Executive Director of Thames Valley Family Health Team, I am deeply enthusiastic about the collaborative strides we're taking with the London InterCommunity Health Centre. This funding marks a pivotal moment in our shared dedication to delivering innovative, patient-centered care for individuals experiencing homelessness. Together, we are leveraging our combined expertise and resources to foster positive, tangible change within our community."

"As leaders in the health and homelessness sector, we are excited to partner with Thames Valley Family Health Team on this transformative initiative," says Scott Courtice, Executive Director of the London InterCommunity Health Centre, a key TVFHT partner. "Together, we are poised to address the complex needs of our community's most marginalized populations with compassion and innovation. This collaborative effort underscores our shared commitment to creating a healthier, more inclusive community for all."

Key features of the Health and Homelessness Primary Care Response Plan include:

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- **Onsite comprehensive primary care**: nurse practitioners (NPs) will deliver comprehensive primary care services directly at a designated Community Hub location. This approach ensures accessibility and continuity of care for individuals in need. Recognizing the importance of meeting patients where they are, TVFHT NPs will foster stronger patient attachments to primary care and facilitate ongoing support.
- **Interprofessional team support:** Interprofessional team members will be readily available for consultations and appointments, ensuring a holistic approach to healthcare delivery.
- **Integration with community resources:** The primary care model will seamlessly integrate with the broader resources of TVFHT and its community partners, ensuring that patients are helped to find the services they need.

The Thames Valley Family Health Team extends heartfelt appreciation to everyone involved for their dedicated work and collaborative efforts in making this a reality.

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