



ALL NATIONS HEALTH PARTNERS

ONTARIO HEALTH TEAM

PARTNER TABLE MEETING SUMMARY – FEBRUARY 2026

Mental Health & Substance Use Disorders

The ANHP OHT Partner Table engaged in a continued discussion of mental health, addictions and substance use disorder services and supports offered by partner organizations in the Kenora region:

- **FIREFLY** – Joel Willett, FIREFLY Director of Service Excellence and Partnerships, outlined breadth and scope of work with children and youth to provide mental health supports, as well as FIREFLY’s approach to system planning, service delivery, and coordination and collaboration with partner organizations. FIREFLY’s tier-based services approach, and continuum of need assist in determining the appropriate level of support and care. As well, FIREFLY provides client support through its youth justice programs, targeted prevention, and family/caregiver capacity development and support.

Note: Further updates from community partners on mental health, addictions and substance use disorder were deferred to a future partner table meeting.

Other Discussion Topics

- **ANHP Partners Workforce Planning Group** – Stacey Socholotuk, Project Manager for the Workforce Planning Group, updated the table on the early-stage development of the group, and next steps for engaging partners, as this priority partner table issue is moved forward.
- **Supportive Housing Optimization** – Co-Chair Cheryl O’Flaherty initiated a discussion with partners about the system challenges of transitioning clients to the most appropriate housing, the role of Ontario Health at Home, and the need for local autonomy and support services to address system gridlock, as well as supporting aging in place through community-based solutions.

Strategic Next Steps

- **Workforce Planning Partner Survey:** Request from the Workforce Planning Group for partner organization leads to complete the survey distributed at the beginning of the month, and identify their level of participation in the working group.
- **Ontario Health at Home Engagement:** Initiate a conversation with Ontario Health at Home to address challenges in local placement processes – and advocate for greater local autonomy in determining long-term care and supportive housing placements.

Next Partner Table Meeting: March 4th, 2026