

ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY HEALTH TEAMS OF ONTARIO

# BRIGHT LIGHTS AWARDS



2019

## **Nomination**

### **Community and social accountability**

#### **St. Michael's Hospital Academic Family Health Team**

**Building team capacity for the provision of trans-affirming and trans-inclusive care to a large transgender and gender non-binary (GNB) population**



SMHAFHT currently provides care to over 550 patients who identify as Transgender and Gender Non Binary. These patients span a wide age range and diversity spectrum. Providing inclusive and sensitive care while acknowledging challenges to health care system engagement due to multiple experiences of discrimination and trauma, SMHAFHT supported the urgent need for the removal of catchment area restrictions to decrease access barriers. Grand Rounds, two consecutive years of Transition Related Surgery competency training (six hours each), and multiple speaking and published opportunities to educate our AFHT, has resulted in a high level of care provision to trans and non-binary patients from across the GTA.