The following summarizes the discussion from the Rehabilitative Care Alliance Steering Committee’s quarterly meeting held on September 19, 2016. Please share this document broadly with rehabilitative care system stakeholders in your region/organization.

### RECENT RCA PUBLICATIONS OF NOTE

- **Realizing the Potential of Rehabilitative Care for People with Complex Health Conditions: The Time Is Now**, Healthcare Quarterly, Charissa Levy, Sue Balogh and Emmi Perkins (formerly of the RCA)
- **Structural Innovation for System Success: Learnings from the Rehabilitative Care Alliance Model**, Dr. Peter Nord and Donna Cripps, RCA Co-chairs
- **RCA Progress Report – June 2016**

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| Definitions & Capacity Planning | Deliverables:  
  - LHIN implementation of the RCA Definitions Frameworks for Bedded & Community-Based Levels of Rehabilitative Care (including identifying any barriers to full alignment and developing a plan to address them)  
  - LHIN application of the RCA Capacity Framework (relative to each LHIN’s readiness).  

  Status Update:  
  - A briefing note was submitted to the HSFR Hospital Advisory Committee re: developing new groups in the NRS grouper to reflect needs/resource requirements of LTLD patients who now fall within the Rehabilitation level of care.  
  - An HSP Definitions Implementation Group (HSP DIG) is being established to provide a forum for HSPs who are directly involved in the implementation of the definitions framework.  
  - Data for 12 of the 16 data elements that will inform capacity planning have been provided to LHINs. |
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| **Outpatient/Ambulatory** | Deliverables:  
  • Provide leadership and direction to support and evaluate a provincial pilot of the RCA Outpatient/Ambulatory Minimum Data Set (MDS) including the identification of a data collection and reporting system and a patient classification system.  
  
  **Status Update:**  
  • Data collection for sites participating in provincial pilot began in spring:  
    o *NACRS Clinic Lite* - 1822 records completed to date. Initial data pull took place in July to populate data reporting templates.  
    o *Patient experience measurement tool (WatLX™)* - 500 surveys completed to date. Interim data analysis to be shared with sites in October.  
    o *Functional outcomes measurement tool (CRA)* - 80 assessments completed to date. RCA to extract data and share first report with sites in October.  
  • RCA continues work with ICES on Applied Health Research Question (AHRQ) for the evaluation of data across measurement tools. |

| **System Evaluation** | Deliverables:  
  • Identify/develop definitions for indicators within RCA Evaluation Framework  
  • Provide performance reports based on RCA data analysis relative to Evaluative Framework indicators reflecting LHIN and provincial level rehabilitative care system performance  
  
  **Status Update:**  
  • Four priority indicators have been prioritized and a draft technical specifications document has been prepared to guide data gathering.  
  • Meeting is scheduled in late September with a panel of experts in indicator development to determine a methodology to set provincial benchmarks. |
**KEY MESSAGES**

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**QBP’s – Total Joint Replacement and Hip Fracture** | **Deliverable:**  
- Support implementation of Total Joint Replacement and Hip Fracture QBPs by identifying rehabilitative care best practices and processes of care across bedded and community-based programs.

**Status Update:**  
- Task Groups are engaging stakeholders for feedback on draft QBP best practices frameworks and referral decision trees.  
- Work is underway to identify process indicators to support performance monitoring of QBP-related processes and practices.  
- Task Groups are looking at implementation considerations in relation to HQO’s Hip Fracture Quality Standard Advisory Committee and MOHLTC Baseline Reports.

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**Assess & Restore Frail Senior /Medically Complex** | **Deliverable:**  
- Implementation and evaluation of the standardized tools and indicators that support the Alliance’s “Direct Access Priority Process” for accessing rehabilitative care from the community.

**Status Update:**  
- Knowledge exchange on 2015/16 initiatives took place at provincial forum in June.  
- RCA is finalizing summary report on 2015/16 initiatives and drafting three-year overview report to highlight successes, key enablers and recommendations.

**Future planning:**  
The RCA Steering Committee is identifying priorities and next steps for continuing the RCA’s work beyond March 2017.

**NEXT MEETING**

*Next meeting of the Steering Committee – December 2016*

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