

<p>BACKGROUND</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · The Rehabilitative Care Alliance is a task-oriented, collaborative group with representation from all LHINs, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, health service providers from hospital and community based sectors and other clinical experts from across the province. · The Alliance is supported by a secretariat (through the GTA Rehab Network) leveraging expertise from across the province and the full continuum of care to support the adoption of standardized terminology and processes. · The Alliance will provide a support system for improving access, efficiency, effectiveness, quality, integration, value and equity in the delivery of rehabilitative services across the care continuum, requiring the development of best practice guidelines to enhance outcomes and increase community capacity for rehabilitative care. · The work of the Alliance will align with and build upon Ministry and LHIN initiatives/directions. · The Alliance is being led by a Steering Committee which is a guiding body to coordinate the work of the Task Groups. The Steering Committee is being Co-Chaired by Donna Cripps, CEO HNHB LHIN and Dr. Peter Nord, V.P., C.M.O. and Chief of Staff Providence Healthcare · The Alliance will report quarterly to the 14 LHIN CEOs through Donna Cripps as Co-Chair of the Alliance Steering Committee.
<p>DRIVERS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE WORK PLAN</p>	<p>The deliverables of the Alliance are based on the approved work plan that reflects a shared agenda for rehabilitative care as developed through consultation and engagement with provincial partners. Specifically, the drivers of the work plan include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation and CCC Expert Panel Phase I Recommendations • Rehabilitative Care Alliance Terms of Reference • Rehabilitative Care Alliance Project Charter • LHIN Feedback collected in May 2013 • Provincial Stakeholder Forum held on May 27, 2013
<p>THE FOUR KEY PRIORITIES OF THE REHABILITATIVE CARE ALLIANCE'S WORK PLAN</p>	<p>The work plan addresses four key initiatives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop provincial standards (i.e. definitions and common terminology), for programs and services across the continuum of care. These provincial standards will provide clarity for patients, families and referring professionals in the focus and clinical components of rehabilitative care programs (including Assess and Restore) and will provide the foundation to support local capacity planning for equitable access to rehabilitative care. 2. Develop a provincial, system-wide best practice rehabilitative care approach to the care of frail senior/medically complex (FSMC) populations who have experienced recent and reversible functional decline that threatens their independence. This approach will contribute to the operationalization of the 'Assess and Restore Framework' of the Seniors Strategy for Ontario and will be aligned with the provincial HealthLinks initiative. 3. Develop a standardized minimum data set for Ministry-funded, outpatient rehabilitative care programs. The data set will enable standardized data collection and the development of comparable performance metrics, evaluation and planning at the provincial, regional, local and organizational levels as well as an understanding of the role of outpatient rehab in supporting other aspects of

	<p>hospital and community-based services.</p> <p>4. Develop a toolkit to support the shared interest to standardize the approach in evaluating and planning rehabilitative capacity within each region. Standardizing the planning and evaluation of rehabilitative care services at the provincial, regional and local level will support evidence-based practice and system-wide improvement.</p>
<p>DEVELOPMENT OF WORKING GROUPS TO SUPPORT THE FOUR KEY PRIORITIES</p>	<p>The Alliance received an overwhelming response to our call for Expressions of Interest to participate on Alliance working groups, with 30-60 people from across the province expressing interest in participating on each group. Everyone who submitted an Expression of Interest will be engaged in the work of the Alliance through the following working groups. For each of the Alliance’s four priorities, two working groups have been developed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · A Task Group which will meet monthly to advance the objectives of the respective priority · An Advisory Group which will meet quarterly to receive updates regarding the direction of the Task Group and to provide feedback about these directions <p>Every effort was made to include a balance of perspectives on each group, taking into account clinical background and expertise, geographical region, organization type and sector.</p> <p>Additionally, a LHIN Lead and Health Service Provider Advisory Group will meet monthly to ensure that the work of the Task Groups is developing in alignment with local directions and priorities.</p>
<p>COMMUNICATION</p>	<p>A multi-faceted communication strategy is being implemented to effectively inform and engage stakeholders in Alliance work plan activities. A website is in the process of being developed to assist with communications and to share knowledge and information rearing rehabilitative care initiatives across the province.</p>
<p>NEXT STEPS</p>	<p>The Task Groups will begin meeting in September and October.</p> <p>The Secretariat will be completing the following background work to inform the Task Groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A current state analysis of rehabilitative care initiatives in each LHIN - A summary of existing literature re: rehabilitative care definitions/levels of rehabilitative care - A completed analysis of best practice literature & a summary of current influencing initiatives related to Frail Senior/Medically Complex populations - A scan of national models of rehabilitative care and outpatient data collection processes. <p>The next Rehabilitative Care Alliance Steering Committee will be held on November 1, 2013.</p>