A THREE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN 2016-2019

Better has no limit: Partnering for a Quality Health System

Let's make our health system healthier
Our Framework for Patient Engagement in Ontario

**THE STRATEGIC GOAL**
A strong culture of patient, caregiver and public engagement to support high quality health care

**THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES**
- Partnership
- Learning
- Responsiveness
- Transparency
- Empowerment
- Respect

**ACROSS THESE DOMAINS**
- Personal care and health decisions
- Program and service design
- Policy, strategy and governance

**ACROSS A SPECTRUM OF ENGAGEMENT METHODS**
- **Share**
  - Provide easy-to-understand health information
- **Consult**
  - Get feedback on a health issue (e.g., policy or decision)
- **Deliberate**
  - Discuss an issue and explore solutions
- **Collaborate**
  - Partner to address an issue and apply solutions

**ENABLED BY:**
- A culture of continuous quality improvement
- Access to easy-to-understand health information
- Commitment to health equity and cultural competence
- Rigorous research and evaluation
Council Membership

• The 16 members currently reside in:
  – 10 of 14 LHINs
  – Small towns or cities (12.5%)
  – Mid-sized city (43.75%)
  – Large urban centre (43.75%)

• Ethnic and cultural diversity:
  – 37.5% of members are foreign born
  – 25% self-identify as a racialized minority
  – 18% primarily speak languages other than English at home

• Varied health care experiences

• Age breakdown:
  – 18-35 years (18.75%)
  – 36-55 years (31.25%)
  – 56-64 years (18.75%)
  – 65-80 years (31.25%)

• Education:
  – Secondary high school diploma/equivalent (12.5%)
  – Postsecondary qualification (37.5%)
  – Graduate or professional education (50%)
Orientation

• What was accomplished:
  – Getting to know each other
  – Meeting the staff and leadership at HQO
  – Introduction to the organization

• Site visits (Regent Park Area) to get a taste for different ways health care is delivered:
  – Sumac Creek Health Centre
  – Toronto Birth Centre
  – Building Roads Together, a community-based peer support walking and rolling (with mobility aids) program
“Initially, I came to Toronto feeling like ‘what can I contribute to the group’? [The orientation meeting] was an eye-opener and I left feeling so much better”

“Staff were really excited to be there. You can’t fake that kind of excitement for two days straight, and it was a really important element. Everyone was excited!...and not the “rah rah” kind of excitement, but more so excitement in that the staff truly want to be there and believed in this work”
What Worked Well

• Recruitment process for the Council
• Resources made available by HQO
• Commitment of council members, staff, and senior leadership

What We’re Learning

• HQO is a complex organization
• Evolution of Council’s work and purpose takes time
  – Goals are becoming more clear and refined
• How to identify work for the Council that aligns with our strategic plan
• Prioritizing opportunities that allow a deep dive into an issue; co-designing something from start to finish
• Providing time for informal discussion and opportunities for continuous learning
“We felt the trust building between the organization and our group - this is huge, particularly in health care contexts”
“My biggest learning was during the sub-group work for the Terms of Reference. At first, I thought there was too much focus on this, but in the end, I thought it was really important to understand who we are and what our purpose is. I thought it was a great value. I realized that if we don’t do that, we won’t be able to come together”

“The meeting was structured well, I liked that there were different groups focusing on different topics. I felt really engaged and that it was really useful to learn the whole process of what goes on in shaping a QIP.”
"I don’t want to sound too dramatic here but something magical happened in Thunder Bay. We left there as a real council and a group of friends that guaranteed success for us in the future."
Public Reports: Implementing Feedback from Health Quality Ontario’s Patient, Family and Public Advisors Council

Isra Khalil
Overview

- Public Reports on Health System Performance: Objectives and Outcome Statement
- Implementing Feedback from Health Quality Ontario’s Patient, Family and Public Advisors Council
- Lessons learned
Public Reports: Objectives and Outcome Statement

Objectives:

- Make information more **accessible** to our audiences (user experience, formats, metrics, etc.)
- Make information more **relevant** to our audiences (metrics, topics, timeliness of information/data)
- Improve the **actionability** of our information

**Outcome Statement:** Information on health system performance is publicly available to multiple audiences in formats that are suitable to their needs

…..to enable better decisions.
What we heard from the council

Selecting specialized report topics

“Solicit feedback from a wider public group”
“Start broad in choosing topics, then seek public input for narrowing down”
“The average person needs an outlet to show the system or HQO what their general concerns are…trend this”

Result: Emergency Department Report

• Asked HQO’s patient, family and public network to answer questions that would help us understand what individuals want to know, any gaps in their knowledge and any concerns they had with the Emergency Department.
• 14 individuals responded.
• Helped us narrow in on the topic and focus on the measures that were important and relevant to the public.
What we heard from the council

Writing the data results on the topic

“Value qualitative data”
“Good data focuses on experience”
“Bring together system measures with patient-reported measures”
“The lack of certain data should be pointed out to drive conversations”

Result: The Reality of Caring Report

• Seven informal caregivers who had experienced distress from being in their caregiver role were invited for a three hour long session to discuss topics that could not be captured through quantitative data alone.
• An entire chapter was dedicated to the qualitative data we collected through the engagement.
What we heard from the council

Editing and reviewing the report

“Involving patients before the review stage”
“Patients should be engaged to make sure accessible language is being used”
“Ask patients to review what resonates with them personally”
“Ask patients about readability and flow—could they tell what the key messages were?”

Result: Emergency Department Report

- We shared the key findings from the data with the same group of people who helped us narrow down topics. We asked what they thought were the most interesting key findings or takeaway messages, what they had difficulty understanding and whether or not the overall messaging resonated with their own personal experiences.

Result: The Reality of Caring Report

- Caregivers who participated in the focus group session were sent a draft of the report and were asked to comment on the overall comprehensibility of the report, clarity of terminology and language used throughout the report as well as the clarity of information relayed through data visualization including graphs.
Lessons Learned – Engaging in Specialized Reports

1. There is no one method of engagement

2. It’s important to know why you are engaging and how you will use the information

3. Patients, families and caregivers are subject matter experts across different areas of healthcare
THANK YOU

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PFPAC consultation to guide Quality Improvement Plan indicators for 2017/18

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Embrace Health Quality

A health system with a culture of quality is... stays true to these principles

- Safe
- Effective
- Patient-centred
- Efficient
- Timely
- Equitable

...and can only happen when we

- Engage patients and the public
- Redesign the system to support quality care
- Help professionals and caregivers thrive
- Ensure technology works for all
- Support innovation and spread knowledge
- Monitor performance with quality in mind
- Build a quality-driven culture

A just, patient-centred health system committed to relentless improvement. Let's make it happen.

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Quality Matters: Realizing Excellent Care For All

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# Original Priority QIP Issues and Indicators (2016/17)

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The QIP consultation process

- Initial issues and indicator matrix
- Ongoing consultation
- 2017-2018 QIP Indicators

Patient and Family and Public Advisors Council
HQCQ QIP Advisory Committee
Sector Associations
Branches and departments at HQCQ
LHINs
PFPAC recommended changes

Effective transitions

- Person experience: Patient experience should come first. It's always important.
- Access to the right level of care: Ensure timely access to care or services.
- Timely access to care or services: How long patients wait to access the care and services arranged for them in the hospital that happened after they leave the hospital.
- Safe care; effective management: Tracking infections people might get in the hospital.
- Palliative care: Are patients being connected with home supports when they leave hospital?

Hospital

- Original topics:
  - Patients re-admitted to hospital after discharge
  - Patient experience surveys: "How would you rate and would you recommend?"
  - Patients in hospital who should be in another place: long term care.
  - Patients should not leave hospital until ready

- Feedback and system issues:
  - Add: patients visiting emergency department after discharge
  - Add: discharge process in place
  - Add: patient experience measures and patient experience measure: what was it like when you were discharged?
  - Add: basic outcomes of referral inside IPC goals; IPC categories used for patient experience/satisfaction measurement
  - Focus on: identifying what needs to be directly measured in patient experience
  - Focus on: identifying what needs to be directly measured to identify needs

- PFPAC feedback:
  - Add: describe the discharge process in place
  - Consider when you measure, what to measure, e.g., are you hungry, are you comfortable? Capture risk of death questions around patient's needs

- System issues:
  - Link this to IPC day follow up indicator
  - Force the system to identify what needs to be directly measured to identify needs
  - Encourage cross sector collaboration to find solutions
  - Encourage the use of patient experience/satisfaction measurement

- Encourage cross sector collaboration to find solutions

Example: accessibility as mentioned above for vulnerable populations.

Important for self dignity and quality of time remaining.
Parking lot concerns: Example CCAC

Overall
- Great variation in services from one region to another for services
- Recommend broadening scope to focus on both client and caregiver needs.
- Equity issues impact outcomes

Feedback within sector
- Financial gap in terms of people’s capacity to fund their own home care.
- Gap in services depending on where you live (urban versus rural)

System issues
- Inequality of access to services regionally
- Measurement within an episode versus retrospective
- Measurement of dignity

Recommendations
- Getting an alternate patient viewpoint on each chosen indicator
- Need for a system level lateral framework that crosses sectors
- Ensuring adequate staffing
## Quality Issues and Indicators for the 2017/18 QIPs

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The Patient Engagement Guide