

Dalhousie Family Medicine Clinics

Proof of Concept

A Dalhousie Family Medicine and Nova Scotia
Health collaborative initiative



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Project Overview

Nova Scotia Health and Dalhousie Department of Family Medicine have partnered on a “Proof of Concept”. This project will test and try a novel practice environment that will simultaneously enhance access to integrated primary care for Nova Scotians and promote recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals.

The project continues to progress well and we appreciate the efforts made by everyone to ensure its success.

If you have any questions regarding the key developments or would like to provide feedback, please do not hesitate to contact us. The input of clinic teams is critical to the success of this initiative. Our email is dfminnovations@nshealth.ca

Dr. Joanna Zed and Graeme Kohler

Key Developments

Onboarding

- The working group met this week to conduct a thorough review of the onboarding process and updates are being made to the process based on the feedback gathered during that meeting.
- The onboarding process was also reviewed with the DFM team leaders and their feedback has been incorporated into the pathways. This includes planned avenues for high needs patient populations.
- Work has begun on the development of the intake forms in REDCap.
 - REDCap is a secure web platform for building and managing online databases and surveys.
- The development of onboarding processes is being led by Lisa Bedford.

Evaluation and Research

- The working group is revising the draft evaluation framework to integrate feedback provided by the Dalhousie Research Team. Next steps for the refinement of the evaluation framework

involve consultations with the relevant working groups for each module of the framework. The group is also in the process of identifying a subset of key performance indicators for inclusion in ongoing reporting.

- To prepare for the initiation of data collection associated with the evaluation of the project, the group is drafting a series of engagement strategies, interview guides, and survey instruments. Once these documents are fully drafted, they will be presented to the relevant working groups for review and input.
- This work is being led by Caroline Chamberland-Rowe and Tara Sampalli.

Renovations

- The Mumford and Spryfield sites both will undergo renovations in the coming weeks. Quotes are being collected now and we will proceed with this work asap. A full update on the renovations planned for each site will be shared in the near future.

Patient Family Advisors

- From the 170+ people who expressed interest in being Patient Family Advisors, a representative group of 11 people have been identified as the core group.
- This group will represent the patient voice on key items throughout this Proof of Concept project. Planning is underway for an initial meeting at the end of May.
- This group is being led by Mike Reid.

Key Progress Indicators

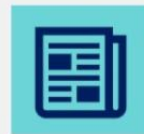
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