



The SaferCare Initiative Update

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Welcome to the world of SaferCare! In these brief strategic initiative updates, you'll find information about what the SaferCare team has been working on, how you can get involved, and other important details. For the most up-to-date initiative information, visit the [SaferCare page on MyNH](#).

SaferCare featured at the Digital Health & HealthSpaces showcase at NH Spring Leadership Forum

On May 8-9, over 100 leaders from the NH region gathered at the annual Northern Health Spring Leadership Forum in Prince George. This year, SaferCare and a variety of other digital health-related topics were featured in the Leadership Forum Digital Health & HealthSpaces showcase where there were over 50 demonstration booths staffed by NH staff and key vendor partners.



“As an active operational leader and HealthSpaces lead, it was very useful to see the demo Safercare pods in person and interact with our



Pictured: Cyril Ugbem, a SaferCare project coordinator, helps bring excitement for digital health advancements at NH.

Northern Health staff subject-matter experts. Having new technology demonstrations and the opportunity to interact with the leading health care technology vendors elevated the experience. I hope others found the event useful and would support a follow up event next year.” – Kerry Laidlaw, Site Manager, Haida Gwaii Hospital and Health Centre - Xaayda Gwaay Ngaaysdll Naay



There was also a medical staff event which brought physicians and nurse practitioners together to experience the demonstration booths and learn about SaferCare and other digital health advancements. This showcase was the second of a series of three that are intended to show our leaders the future of health care supported by digital health in a visual and interactive way. Kudos to all the staff that came



together to make the event a success and a big thank you to the attendees for your interest and engagement!

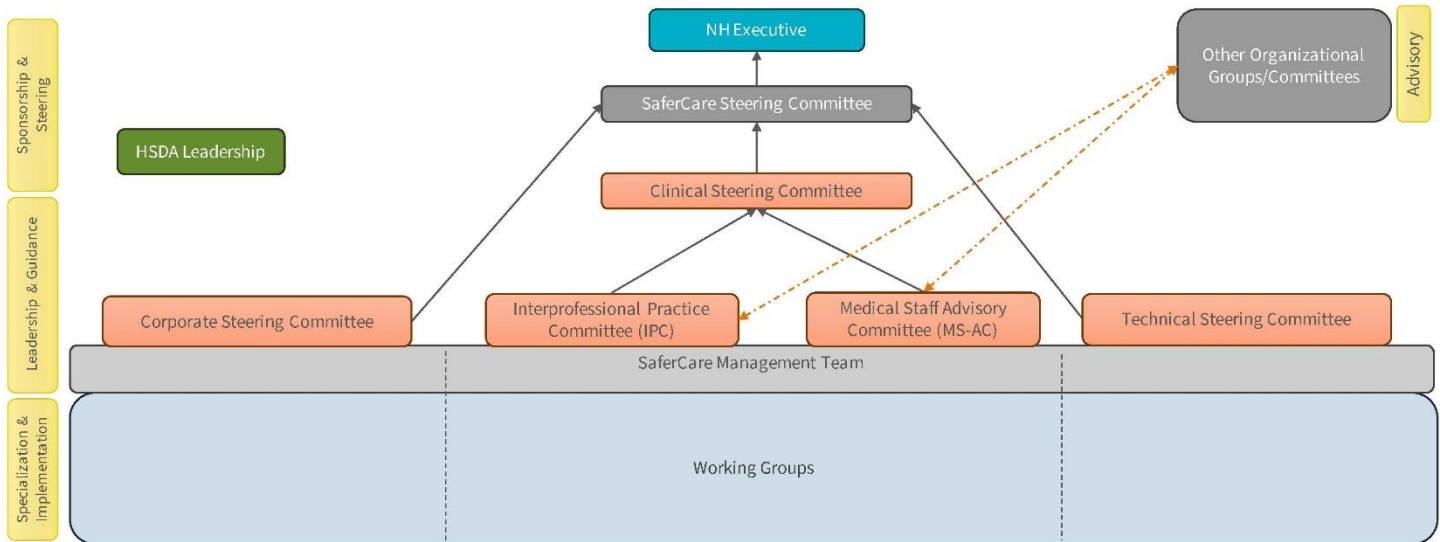
Access printed resources (one-pagers) from the showcase here:

- SharePoint: [Digital Health & HealthSpaces Showcase 2024 \(sharepoint.com\)](https://sharepoint.com).
- Medical staff website: physicians.northernhealth.ca/physician-resources/safercare.

New SaferCare governance structure

Changes have been made to the SaferCare governance structure to provide clearer decision-making pathways, allow better linkages to operational structures, and to better engage with front-line clinical staff in EHR system build, design, and clinical content decisions. In addition to the existing steering committee, five new key decision-making committees have been created: a clinical, technical, and corporate steering committee as well as an interprofessional practice and medical staff committee. Working groups have also been established to complete time-limited work and tasks to support the project and governance committees. These changes will help set up SaferCare for better success as we move closer to digitally enabling our clinical processes, practices, and documentation as an organization.

High Level Structure



What does this mean?

Working groups and committees will now be used in place of Project Core Teams, Foundational Groups, and IMIT/Business Working Groups. All existing groups will be replaced, consolidated, or converted into a committee or working group in the new structure. Please watch your calendar to see these changes reflected. More information



on these changes can be found here, including a summary of the key changes and new structure names: [SaferCare - Governance Structure - Transition Plan - May 2024.pdf](#).

If you have further SaferCare governance questions, please reach out to your working group chair or the SaferCare Co-leads: Vanessa Kinch (covering for Bjorn Butow until Sept 3), Dr. Kristina Garrels, or Kim Cook.

SaferCare staff spotlight: Vanessa Kinch receives 2024 Jago Award

Vanessa Kinch, who is the SaferCare Co-Lead for Training and Change Management, has been recognized for reflecting the values of NH and making outstanding contributions to the organization.

Vanessa is the 2024 recipient for the respect award.
Congratulations Vanessa!

For more information on the Jago Awards, see: [Dr. Charles Jago Awards – Recognizing Northern Health Employees who live our Values \(sharepoint.com\)](#). More detailed stories on this year's Jago award recipients will be shared soon.



*Pictured: Vanessa Kinch (middle) receives the 2024 Jago award for respect from **Ciro Panessa**, President & CEO and **Colleen Nyce**, Board Chair.*

Leadership Forum digital health staff video

Staff working at the Digital Health & HealthSpaces Showcase had some fun representing digital health advancements at the Leadership Forum.



Check out this photo montage video: [Digital Health & HealthSpaces Showcase 2024 glasses video.mov \(sharepoint.com\)](#).

Future SaferCare updates: share your ideas!

If you have information you'd like to include in future SaferCare initiative updates, please reach out to Haylee Seiter, the Communications and Marketing Lead for SaferCare, at Haylee.seiter@northernhealth.ca.