

CST News

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Key Milestones for CST

Moving to DBI

Committees and Design Groups

Ready to Design, Build and Integrate

As the Strategy and Verification Phase of the Clinical & Systems Transformation (CST) project comes to an end, it's time to reflect on how far we've come, how we got here, and look forward to what's next.

Key milestones

Since this planning phase began in April 2013, to establish the foundations and determine the ultimate scope and resources for the project, we have come a long way. Our CST Project Management Office, which represents the three Health Organizations, includes a Project Director, Transformation Leads, and Chief Medical Information Officers. This experienced team will manage and control the project over the next five years and, together with the broader group of experts and consultant partners, has already delivered some large pieces of work.

What's next?

We are now preparing for the Design, Build and Integrate Phase (DBI). This means we are almost ready to start the clinical design work for creating one unified clinical information system that will equally reflect the needs of the three Health Organizations.

It is essential that this work be driven in partnership between clinicians, informatics and technical professionals. This will ensure streamlined workflows and measurably improved care and health outcomes (for example, standardization of best practice medication management).

Work Completed	What this means
Memorandum of Understanding	An official agreement for how the three Health Organizations will work together to deliver the project.
Governance Framework	Outlines responsibilities for decision making throughout the project.
Project Steering Committee (PSC) and Clinical Decision Group (CDG)	Members have been identified from various professions across the three Health Organizations to form these important groups.
Benefits Framework	Highlights the measurable clinical value the project will deliver.
Other Strategic Work	Planning has been completed around a number of areas including: system integration, technology, data management and testing.
Facilities Planning at 590 W. 8th Avenue Vancouver	Enables large teams of clinicians and other experts to come together to help drive the successful completion of the project.

Work in Progress	What this means
Transformation Roadmap	A blueprint of the order and timing for rolling out the new system to sites across the three Health Organizations.
Selection of clinical design, technical, data advisory groups	These groups will make decisions on behalf of assigned work streams (e.g. medication management).
Communications Plan	This will guide how information is shared across the three Health Organizations throughout the project to ensure our people know what's happening, how to get involved, and the key benefits.

How will our committees and design groups work?

We have selected a Project Steering Committee to help set direction for the Clinical & Systems Transformation project – an important role in ensuring its overall success.

We have also created a Clinical Decision Group to make global design and clinical workflow decisions, and serve as an escalation point for the clinical design groups to ensure the system is fit for purpose. Both of these groups will have responsibility for ensuring alignment with the project's mission.

A number of clinical design and technical work groups will be formed across the subject areas, such as documentation and reporting. These individual groups will meet regularly to make decisions around things like standardizing order sets; documentation design and content; and system configuration choices.

The Executive Steering Committee is working through a process to engage leaders around the creation of these groups. More information will be provided in the coming weeks.

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