
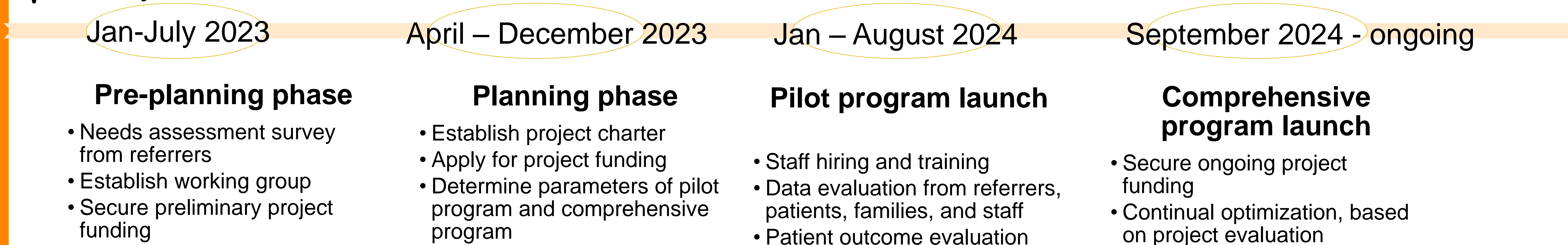


Bridging the gap: Launching a pediatric outpatient rehabilitation pilot program at BC Children's Hospital

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Anticipated program savings resulting from reduced length of stay per post-op patient: **\$18,957**



Why does this matter?

- There is a gap in available rehab services for pediatric patients, who do not require intensive inpatient rehab services, but at the same time, needs cannot be met by community-level outpatient services
- Targeted patient groups:
 - Post-operative
 - Pre-operative optimization
 - Community patients requiring a subacute optimization program

What did we do?

- Established a working group including clinicians, leadership, and project manager
- Internal stakeholders needs assessment survey – this targeted anticipated future referring clinicians
- Interviews with programs with existing outpatient rehab programs in Canada and the US
- Applications in progress for funding sources for this program
- Interviews with programs or providers who would implement or be affected by this program
- Economic analysis commissioned to ensure financial program feasibility

Primary Objectives:

1. To meet the gap in service for patients who require specialized interdisciplinary rehab services without any acute medical need that requires an inpatient stay.
2. To troubleshoot the rehab needs of children with complex conditions earlier in their disease course, to help prevent complications of their chronic condition.
3. Increase patients and family satisfaction and allow earlier re-integration of acute rehab inpatients into their setting, school and the community.

Initial feedback from physician referrer surveys:

- 14/17 respondents indicated they would be very likely to refer to this program
- respondents included: Orthopedics, Rheumatology, Physiatry, Oncology, Psychiatry, Neurology

Future steps:

- Patient focus groups are planned, to learn about what services/ features patients would like to see in this program
- Launch a pilot outpatient program, to gather data and feedback, to better inform the more comprehensive program launch

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