

**Indiana Healthcare Quality Improvement  
Long Term Care Regional Collaborative Project**

**Regional Collaborative Projects Overview**

Project Origin	Required Number of Projects	Project Plan Developed By	Project Lead	Participation in Projects
<p>Projects may originate from one of three origins.</p>	<p>As a funding requirement, each Collaborative is required to implement at least two quality improvement projects. The original intent was that a Collaborative would develop two or more quality improvement projects. A Collaborative may however simply adapt and implement an already developed project from another source. A Collaborative may elect to create more than two projects and will likely do so as the Collaborative progresses.</p>	<p>Every project should have a project plan that follows the QAPI model.</p>	<p>A Project Lead should be designated for every project. The Project Lead serves as project facilitator and oversees project tracking and reporting. The Project Lead is expected to regularly report out to the Collaborative on the project progress and outcomes.</p>	<p>It is expected that the Collaborative participants will provide input on all projects regardless of the project origin. Resulting from their facility needs assessment, each facility determines their primary needs and selects projects that the facility will implement. To be a part of the Collaborative, every facility must implement at least two projects.</p>
<p>Collaborative Level Projects</p>	<p>For funding requirements, the Collaborative must implement at least two collaborative level projects.</p>	<p>Collaborative level projects are projects developed by the Collaborative as a group with input from collaborative participants.</p>	<p>The Collaborative will designate a Project Lead for each project. The Project Lead should probably be an individual from the Collaborative Sponsor or an organizational participant.</p>	<p>Collaborative level projects are intended to be primary projects for the Collaborative to focus on widespread quality issues as determined by needs assessment. A secondary purpose is to serve as a demonstration project to assist participants in designing projects that meet QAPI standards. Because they are developed based on needs assessments, it is expected that a majority of Collaborative participants will implement the collaborative level projects.</p>

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				<p>It is not required that every facility implement the collaborative level project. Facilities should be implementing projects based on their facility needs assessment. While it is expected that many facilities have similar needs and thus collaborative level projects should address the needs of many facilities, facilities select their priorities and projects.</p>
Partnership Level Projects	There is no requirement for partnership level projects.	Participating facilities and organizations may partner to develop a project. The project plan would be developed by the partnering facilities and organizations. The project would be presented to the entire Collaborative Group for input and review.	The partnership participants will designate a Project Lead for each project. The Project Lead ideally would be an individual from a Collaborative organization partner rather than a facility partner. The Project Lead will regularly report to the entire Collaborative Group on the project and review feedback provided by the Collaborative Group.	Participating facilities and organizations may decide to partner on developing a project that meets their needs. The project perhaps could be based on the Collaborative project topic but focus on a different issue. For instance, the Collaborative project could address healthcare associated infections through a hand hygiene project. A partnership group might decide that their priority is still infection prevention but focus instead on utilizing personal protective equipment. A partnership level project may also be a totally independent project on a different quality issue than the Collaborative level project.
Individual Facility Level Projects	There is no requirement for participating facilities to develop their own projects. Facilities may simply participate on Collaborative level projects or partner on projects with other facilities and organizations.	An individual facility may decide to develop a project on their own that meets their needs. The project plan would be developed by the individual facility. The project would be presented to the entire Collaborative	The facility will designate a Project Lead for each project. The Project Lead will regularly report to the entire Collaborative Group on the project and review feedback provided by the Collaborative Group.	The QAPI system requires individual facilities are to conduct regular needs assessments to identify quality issues at the facility. While facilities would likely benefit from collaborating on project development, a facility may decide to independently develop a project meeting their specific needs, expertise, or

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	Every facility participating in the Collaborative is required to implement at least two projects during the funding period. The projects may be collaborative level, partnership level, or individual facility level projects or a combination thereof.	Group for input and review.		interests. The facility is expected to regularly present the project to the Collaborative Group for input and review.

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