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in Care Journey*

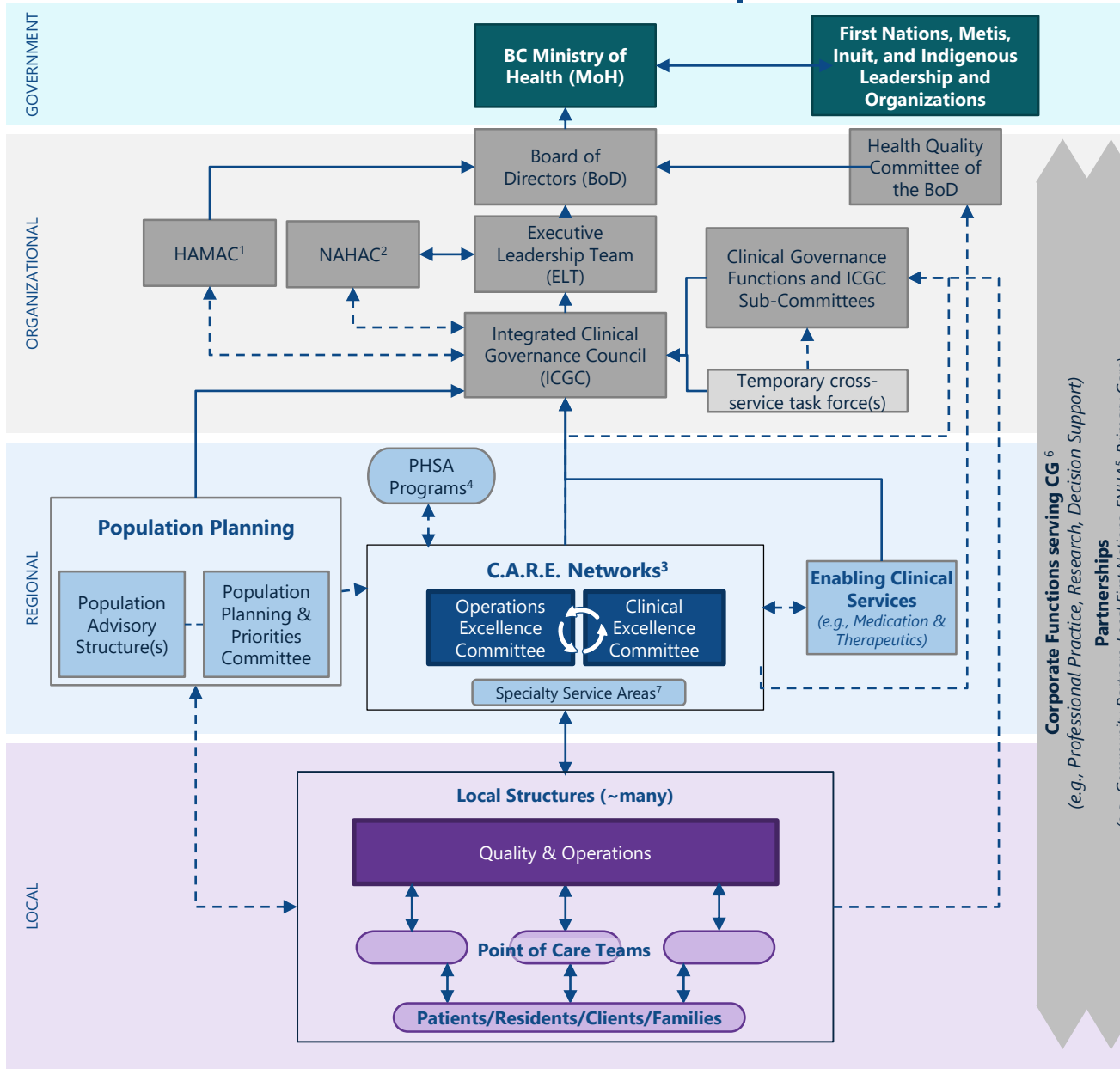
# Island Health Clinical Governance Improvement Initiative (CGII)

Future State Model

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# Future state CG model | What is changing?



**One single organizational structure** for shared decision-making that integrates all regions and Service Dyads and provides oversight and direction for clinical governance functions (e.g., clinical service planning, policy/standards, etc.).

**Integrated, cross-service CG substructures** support cross-continuum and Island Health-wide initiatives and provide specialized expertise to regional and local teams.

**C.A.R.E. Networks** (as defined by the clinical services plan) with aligned Clinical Excellence and Operations Excellence Committees consisting of unique membership and representation of all local structures delivering the services.

- Unique membership enables teams to focus on their area of expertise allowing for greater decentralization of decision-making.
- Representation of all local structures ensures the local context, population needs and scheduling of implementation are considered in design and planning.

**A system of individual and shared responsibility** supported by standards for clinical governance practices/functions and guided by annual priority-setting

- Annual priorities for each service are established through the C.A.R.E. Networks in alignment with the organizational-level priorities and with input from local teams.
- Support teams consisting of experts are aligned to the priorities defined at each level of the model.

**A systematic mapping of membership to each committee** to ensure all regions, disciplines, services and where appropriate people/families/communities are represented in decision making.

- Terms of Reference (ToR) will have a clear mandate to ensure appropriate representation in decision-making, supported by oversight from senior leadership (e.g., VPs) to ensure compliance.
- An assessment of current structures and their mandate (ToRs) will provide an understanding of which structures align with the future state model, and where consolidation/decommissioning may be required

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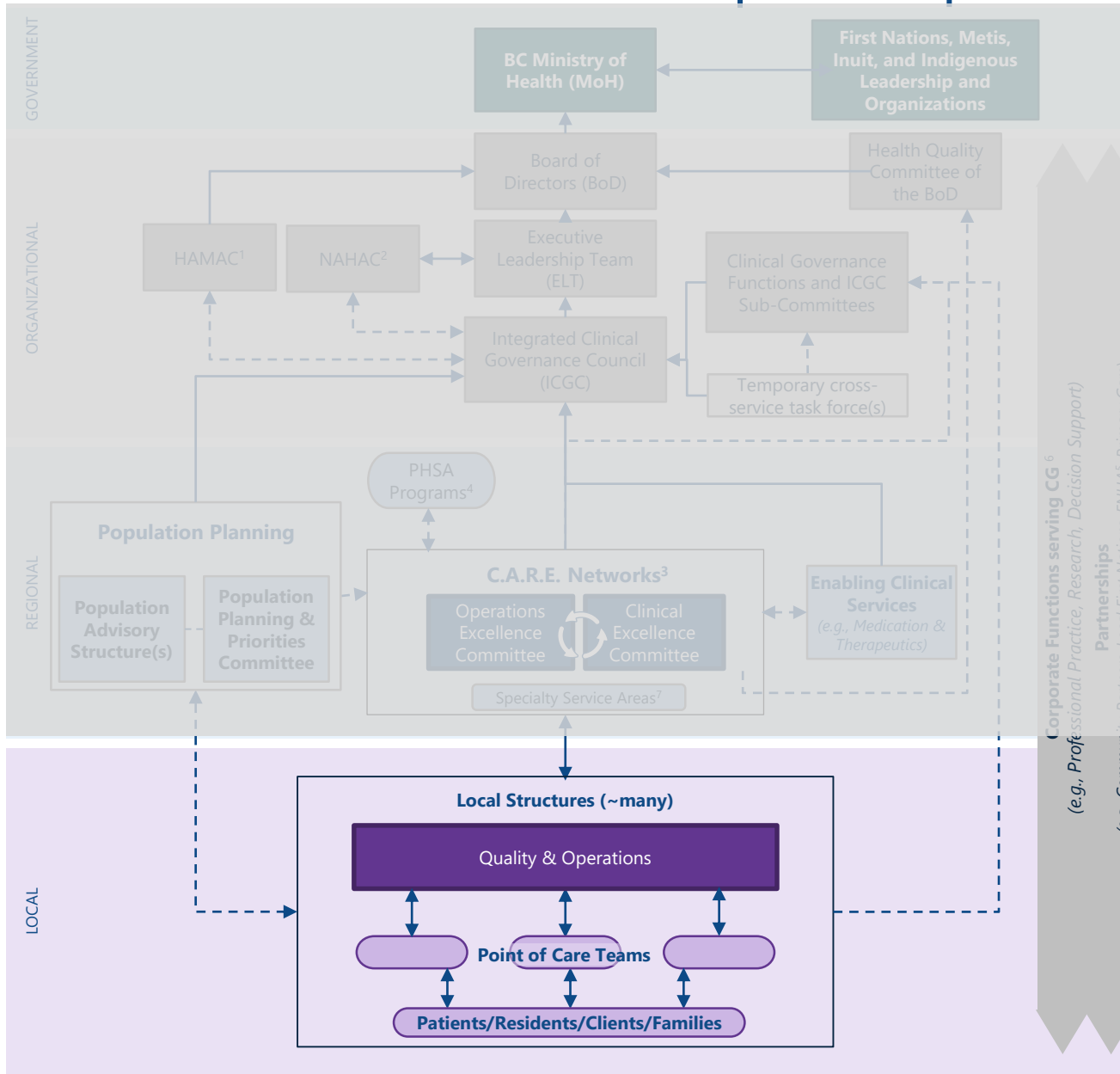
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# Future state CG model | Conceptual level - Local



## Local structures:

- Are responsible for the day-to-day delivery of service, continuously improving quality and ensuring safety within regional standards, plans, and approved resources.
- Provide input into Island Health-wide service priority setting and standard development.
- Have a clear escalation pathway to the C.A.R.E. Networks to bring up quality and operations concerns (e.g., clinical risks, patient safety issues) enabled by regular reporting.
- Inform the implementation of improvement plans, standards and policies, based on their site-specific or regional context.
- Conduct clinical audits in alignment with established priority topics and with oversight from the C.A.R.E. Networks
- Where applicable, point of care teams are accountable to the leaders that comprise the local quality and operations structures with regular, bi-directional communication between them.
- Local structures work with community and Indigenous partners to support community level engagement and planning in a bi-directional flow, with clear understanding to meet regional standards.

**Note:** Local structures will be reviewed **starting in 2023** and a standardized, effective and efficient approach to organizing this level will be defined to address current state challenges.

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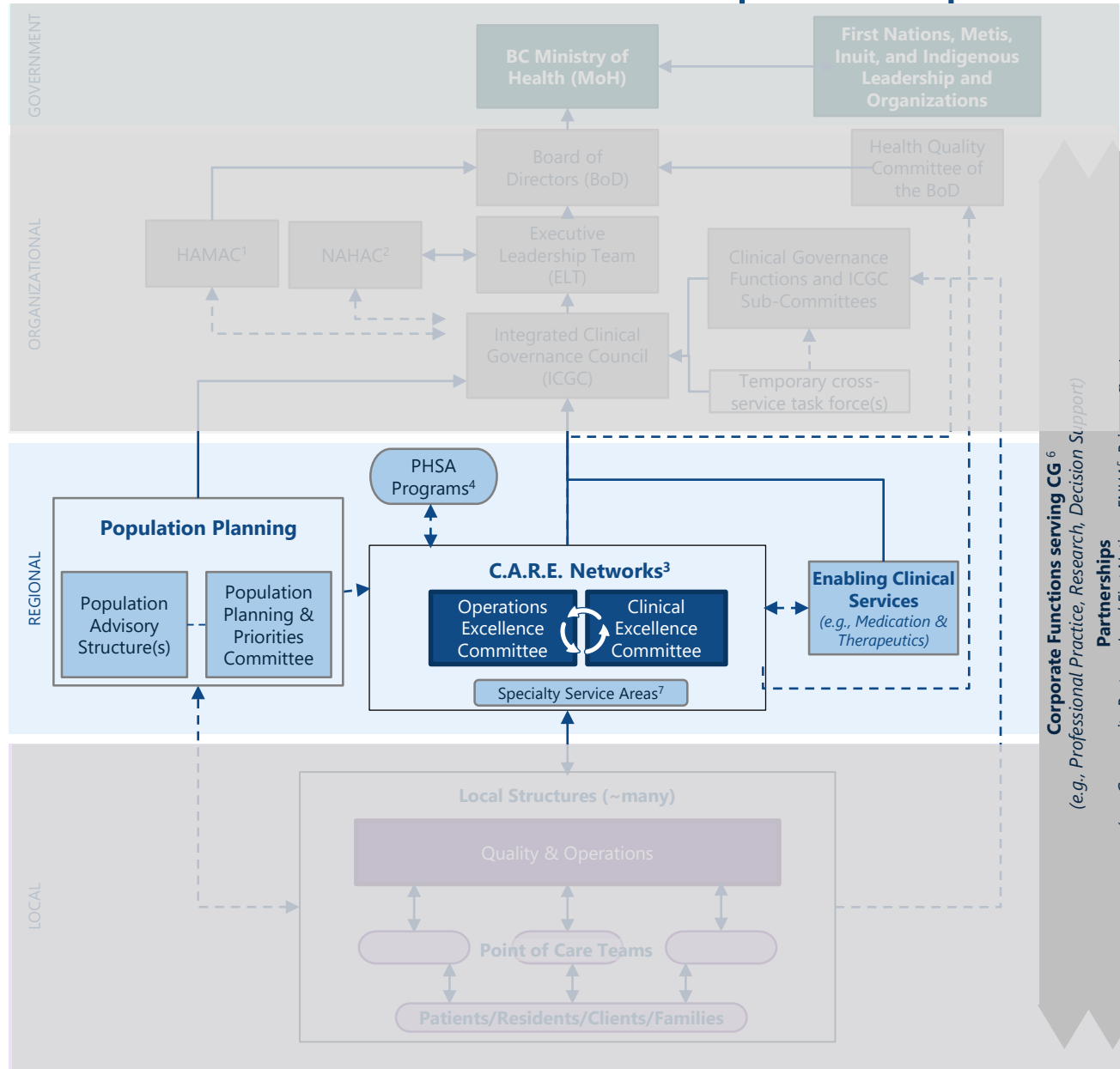
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# Future state CG model | Conceptual level – Regional



- C.A.R.E. Networks represent the groupings of common/aligned services provided by interdisciplinary and collaborative teams to meet the needs of our patients/ residents/clients, families and communities in alignment with our vision, purpose and values.
  - Comprised of Operations Excellence Committee (OEC) and Clinical Excellence Committees (CEC), each with specialized expertise to meet delegated responsibilities.
- Each structure has unique and interdisciplinary (including Medical Staff) membership, specific expertise and representation across all relevant Local Quality & Operations Committees to ensure a broad understanding of the diversity of needs and resources throughout Island Health.
- Regular planning and reporting to ELT and the Board of Directors occurs via the Integrated Clinical Governance Council, with unfiltered data provided to the Health Quality Committee of the Board.
- Clinical and Operations Excellence Committees work together to ensure quality and safety are maintained and continuously improved within each C.A.R.E. Network.
  - Each committee takes on responsibility/accountability for distinct activities in the planning and execution of CG functions (e.g., performance and quality improvement, clinical standards and policies, clinical risk).
  - Membership is unique across the two committees to ensure expertise is leveraged appropriately.
- Specialty Service Teams are services that align to the C.A.R.E. Network but have a more specialized focus (e.g., heart health) and require specific clinical expertise
- **Note:** The term C.A.R.E. aligns with Island Health's values (Courage, Aspire, Respect, Empathy)

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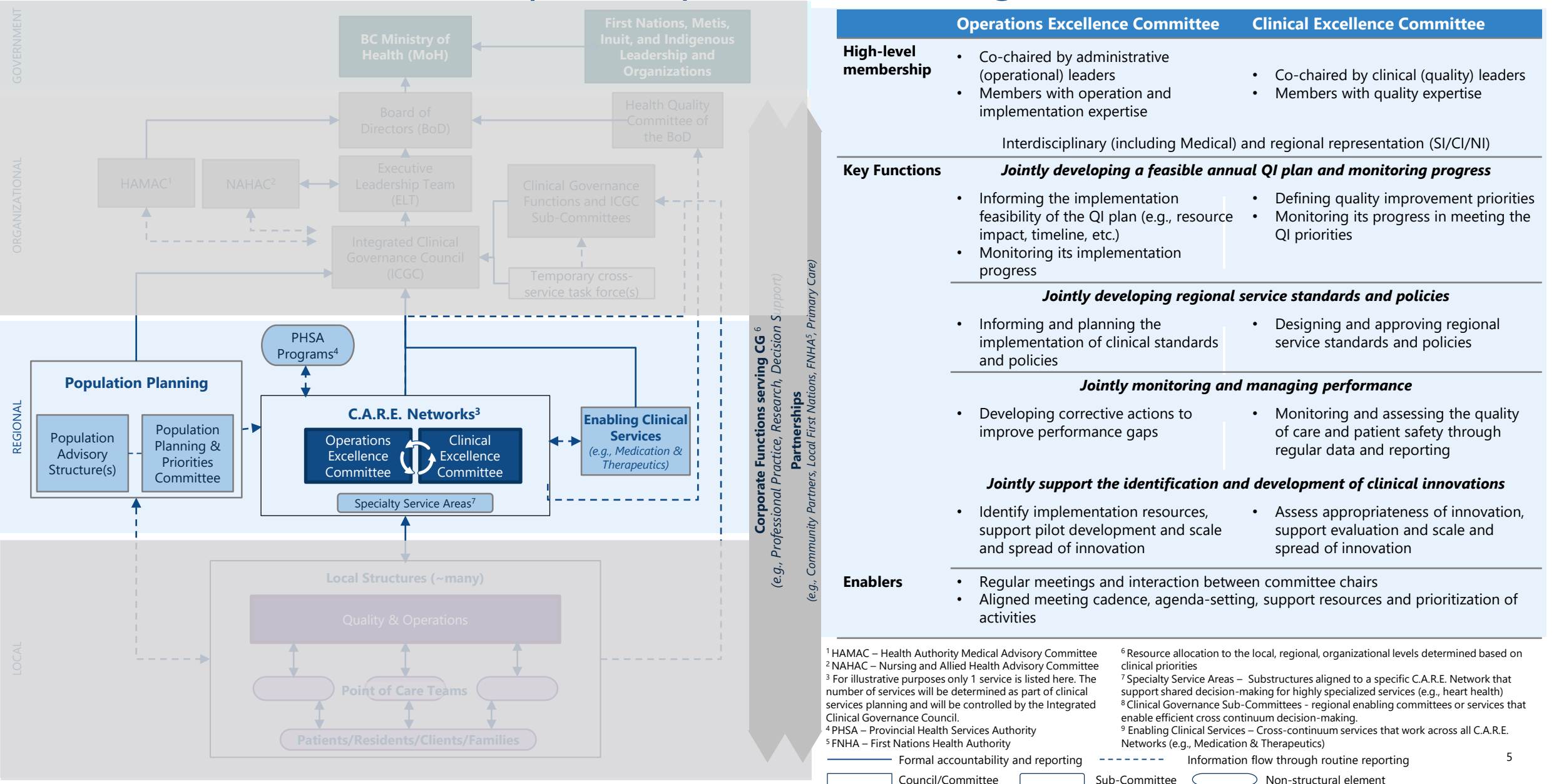
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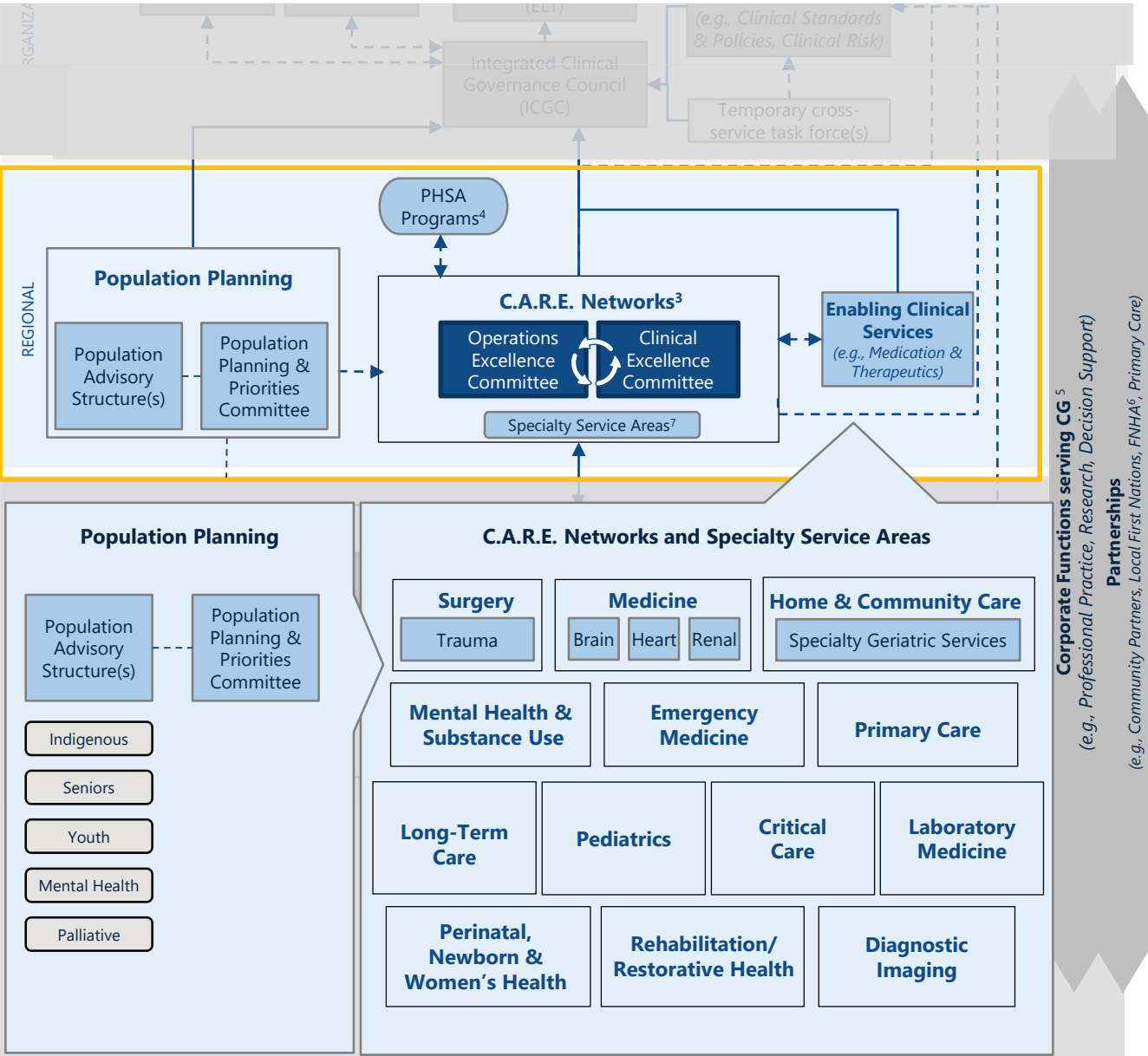
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**C.A.R.E. Networks** (and Aligned Specialty Service Areas)

**Surgery** (Trauma)  
**Medicine** (Renal, Brain, Heart)  
**Home and Community Care** (Specialty Geriatrics)  
**Mental Health and Substance Use**  
**Emergency Medicine**  
**Primary Care**  
**Long-Term Care**

**Pediatrics**  
**Critical Care**  
**Laboratory Medicine**  
**Perinatal, Newborn and Women's Health\***  
**Rehabilitation/ Restorative Health\***  
**Diagnostic Imaging**

*\*titles to be confirmed*

Note: Specialty Service Areas based on existing quality councils identified

| Gap areas for inclusion:   |   |   |
|--|---|---|
| Population Oriented  | Clinical Services   | Enabling Clinical Services  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Palliative &amp; End of Life (hospice)</li><li>Indigenous Health</li><li>Chronic Disease Management</li><li>Rural &amp; Remote</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Population &amp; Public Health</li><li>Ambulatory Care</li><li>Cancer Care</li><li>Pain Management</li><li>Nutrition</li><li>Anesthesiology</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Patient Flow</li><li>Infection Prevention Control</li><li>Electronic Health Record</li><li>Virtual Care</li><li>Clinical Research</li></ul> |

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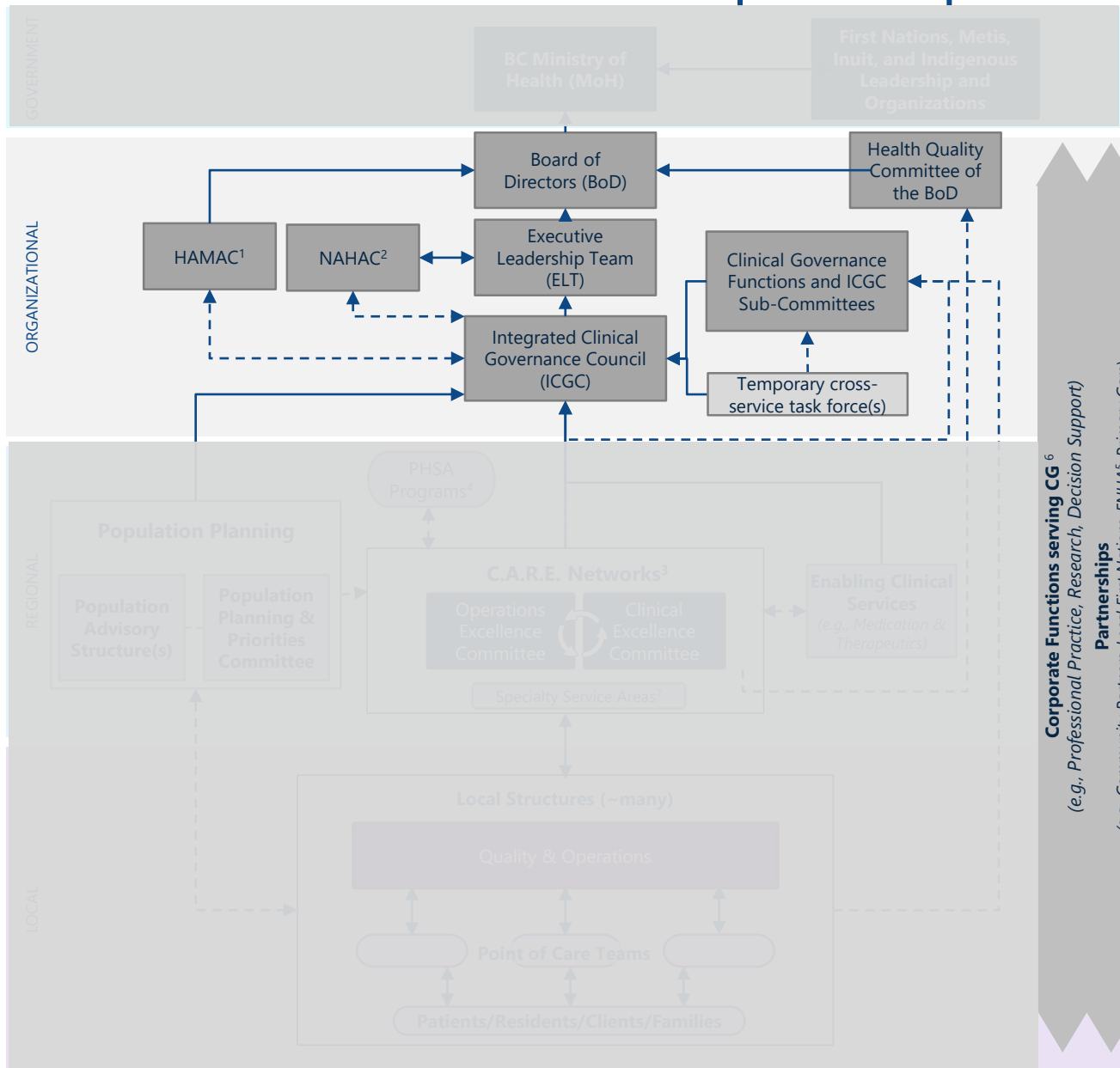
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# Future state CG model | Conceptual level – Organizational



- The **Integrated Clinical Governance Council (ICGC)** provides oversight for quality and safety across all C.A.R.E. Networks, directs key CG functions (e.g., clinical risk, clinical services planning) and integration for cross-continuum design, supported by and aligned with corporate functions. It is chaired by the CMO and CNAHO and includes all Vice Presidents accountable for clinical and quality processes.
- The oversight/direction of all CG functions is supported by **Clinical Governance Function and ICGC Sub-Committees** that report into the ICGC. These structures are in place to provide the ICGC recommendations for organizational or cross-service (C.A.R.E. Network) decisions.
- Interdisciplinary advisory structures (e.g., HAMAC, NAHAC) support both clinical governance and corporate governance processes and structures. Medical Staff are governed by a separate legislative structure.
- Distinct structures for meaningful engagement of people/residents/clients, families and communities, as well as specific population groups are in place to provide input into service design and evaluation.

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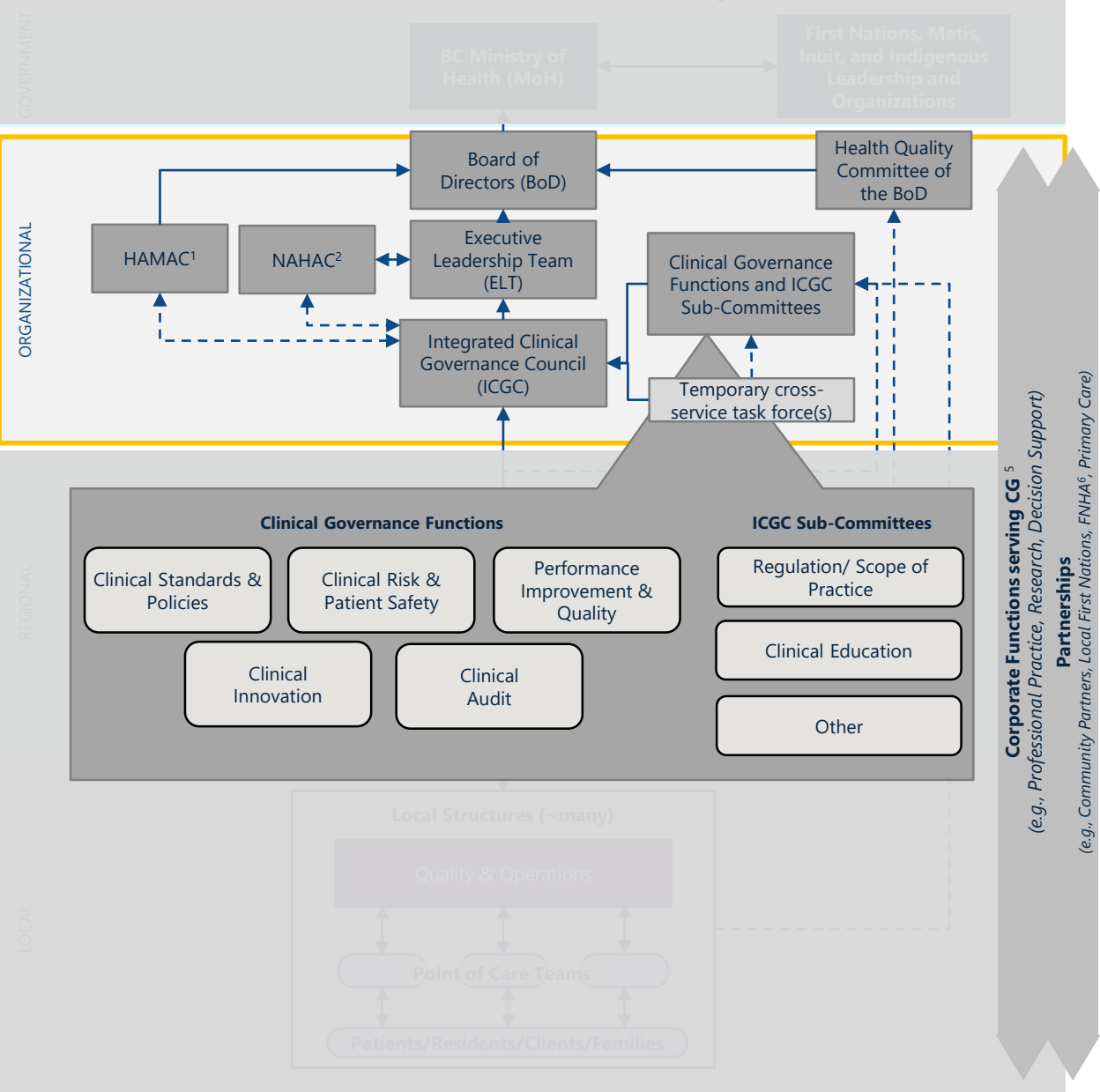
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## Clinical Governance Functions, ICGC Sub-Committees and Temporary Cross-Service Task Forces

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### Clinical Governance Functions

- Clinical Standards and Policies
- Clinical Risk and Patient Safety
- Performance Improvement and Quality
- Clinical Innovation
- Clinical Audit

### ICGC Sub-Committees

- Regulation and Scope of Practice
- Clinical Education
- Other

**Note:** Where appropriate, **temporary, cross-service task forces** may be established to address a specific change initiative. Other sub-structures may also be established.

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