How can we prepare?

- **Attend the workshops!** The COMPASS workshops give firsthand information on the model and how to start it up.
- **Ready the leaders!** It helps to know ahead of time who will be able to take charge of the implementation in various facets.
- **Take inventory of resources!** Look around for any deficits in resources or equipment, such as blood pressure cuffs.
- **Proudly display COMPASS resources!** This will help the staff know exactly where to look if there are any questions!
- **Train the staff!** A knowledgeable staff helps everything run smoothly. Training includes therapy, nursing, depression screening, etc. This may be beneficial for all patients, beyond COMPASS.

What can we do to ease implementation?

- **Keep organized!** A checklist helps to keep the collaborative work structured and prevents missing any care steps.
- **Communicate with the PACs and APPs!** This will help bridge the care gap for the patients.
- **Be proactive with referrals!** Some are not as detailed as they should be. Take the initiative if other disciplines need to be involved with a particular patient. Track these referrals as well.
- **Reconnect back to the big picture!** One of the COMPASS goals is to prepare patients for self-management. Aim to ultimately assist the patients to make this a reality.