Interprofessional Practice Model –
Tenets and Definitions

**Safety**
Protective practice that results in the elimination of all preventable harm to and promotion of quality for our patients, families, visitors and staff by improving system effectiveness.

**Innovation & Research**
The generation of new discoveries, creative use of technology, and transformation of evidence based knowledge and learning into practice and policy.

**Professionalism**
The continuous growth of knowledge and experience by health care professionals through education, practice, and research to maintain and uphold standards of practices, ethics, cultural competence, core values, and foster a team based approach to patient care.

**Collaborative Relationships**
Active participation amongst health care team members, patients and families, and the community that empowers all members to share their expertise and ideas, respecting each other’s strengths, diversity and needs to produce optimal outcomes and experiences.

**Best Practice**
The integration of evidence, expertise, and patient/family expectations to better serve patients and families.

**Comprehensive Coordinated Care**
The assessment, interventions, skills, therapies, care and coordination of a plan of care that encompasses the medical, social, developmental, behavioral, emotional, spiritual, educational and financial needs of those served to achieve optimal health & wellness outcomes. Coordinated care is patient and family centered, cost effective, non-duplicative and designed to enhance the caregiving capacity of patients and caregivers. (Antonelli, McAllister, Popp, May 2009)

**Optimal Outcomes**
Maximization of the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities across the lifespan relative to increasing functional capacity, lengthening life, relieving pain, reducing disabilities, and supporting end of life dignity.