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The Health Research Alliance (HRA) is pleased to announce that we have received a \$25,000 grant from the Rita Allen Foundation to support HRA's Facilitating Collaborative Relationships Among HRA Members program.

These funds will enable the Health Research Alliance to:

- Partner with external consultants (Converge) to develop and lead a workshop in Spring 2019, available to all interested HRA members, seeking to identify and jump-start effective collaboration opportunities
- Develop and implement evaluation tools to assess progress against the initiative's goals

Rita Allen's generous support will enable HRA to achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased awareness of the benefits of collaboration, effective practices leading to sustained collaboration, and the types of collaboration that can increase impact
- Development of shared strategies to decrease barriers to collaboration, and foster increased collaboration and collaborative practices, among HRA members and the broader community
- Clarification of leadership and management skills necessary for sustainable collaborations
- Surfacing of collaborative work that participants are already doing, and sharing of information, pooling of resources and elimination of duplication of effort, to achieve quick collaborative wins
- Identification of areas where HRA members might benefit from greater collaboration, and exploration of opportunities to address them

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