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# Canal Transfer Effort Update

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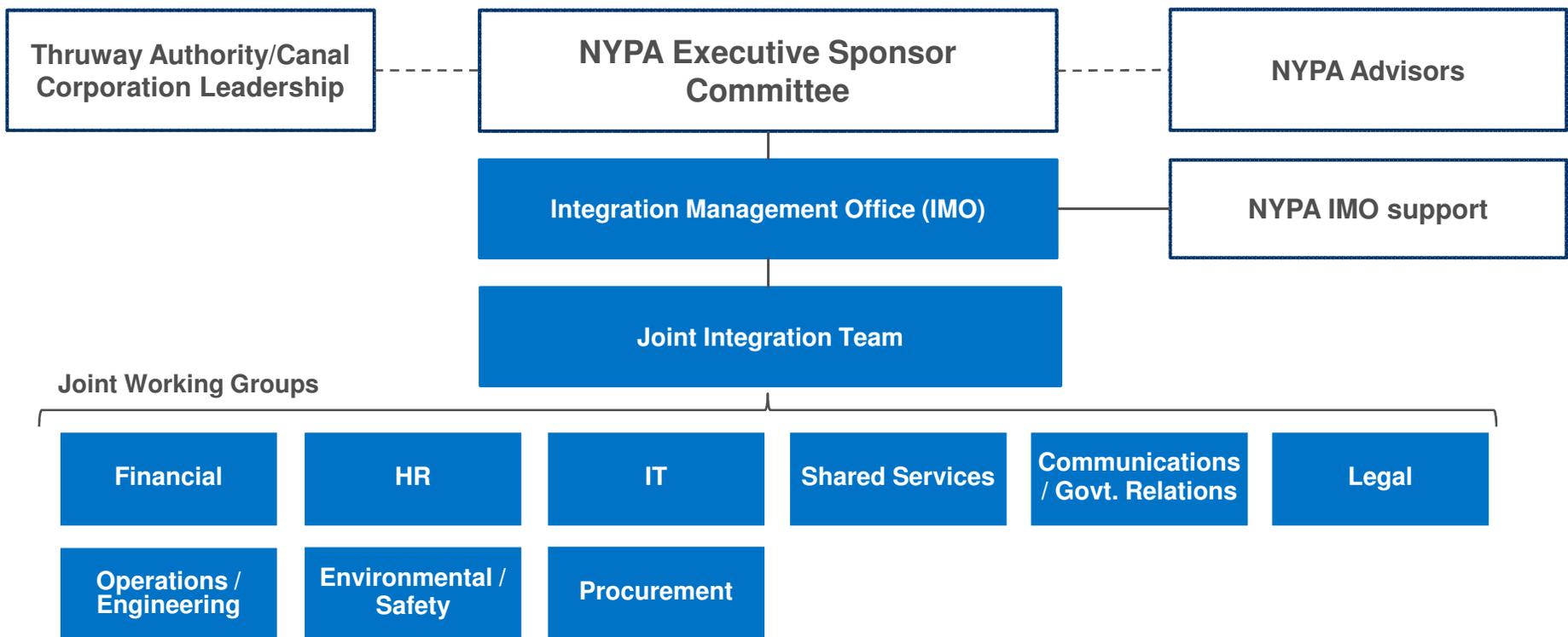
## Key accomplishments to date and next steps

- Since the state budget was passed, a transfer program has been mobilized that comprises of representatives from NYPA, the Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation. Good progress has been made to date.
- The program's initial objective is to ensure statutory, contractual and other critical requirements have been met by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 (Day 1), allowing the canal system to successfully function under NYPA's control.
- The following activities are now complete:
  - The Funding Agreement has been executed (effective April 1<sup>st</sup> 2016).
  - Areas of entanglement (e.g. processes, systems, people, contracts) between the Thruway Authority and Canal Corporation have been identified.
  - Specific plans to transition the Canal Corporation on Day 1, along with contingency plans for certain areas (e.g. payroll, vendor payments, requisition of critical components for facilities), have been created.
  - Execution has commenced.
- The key next step is to continue executing against the abovementioned plans, preparing for operational transfer.

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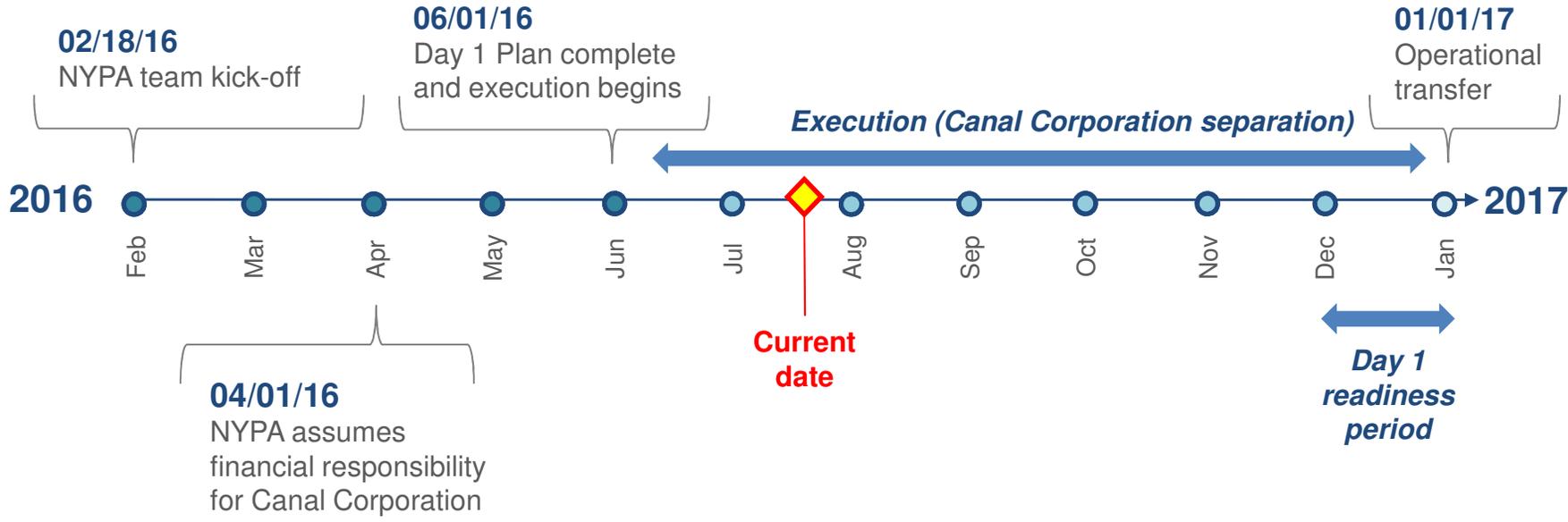
Program governance structure



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## Timeline



- Phase 1 – Planning
- Phase 2 - Execution
- NYPA assumes control of Canal

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