

# **Health Information Exchange Steering Committee Meeting October 26, 2020**

# Agenda

- Christopher Shenk, Director of Technology: VHIE Data Governance
- Committee Updates
- Remaining 2020 Committee Meetings

# Data Governance for the VHIE

October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020

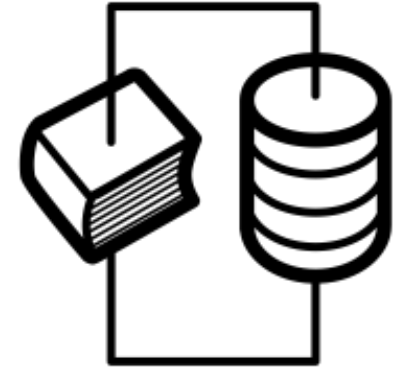


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- What?
  - Defining data governance
  - What this means for VITL and the VHIE
- Why?
  - Why an organization would implement data governance
  - Why VITL is implementing data governance
- How?
  - How VITL is implementing data governance for the VHIE
- Who?
  - Besides VITL, who could be involved in VHIE data governance

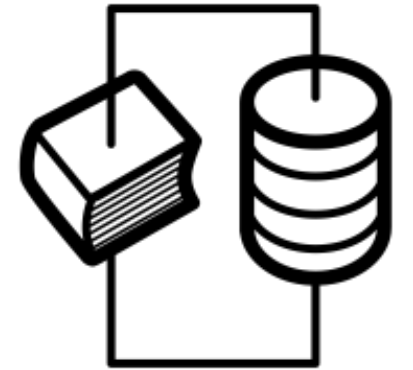
# What is VHIE Data Governance?

- Definition
  - Includes the people, processes, and technologies needed to manage and protect data assets in order to guarantee generally understandable, correct, complete, trustworthy, secure, accessible, and usable data
- For VITL
  - Policies and procedures for governing data within the VHIE
    - Stewardship, storage, standards, formats, use, security, retention, transmission, and dissemination



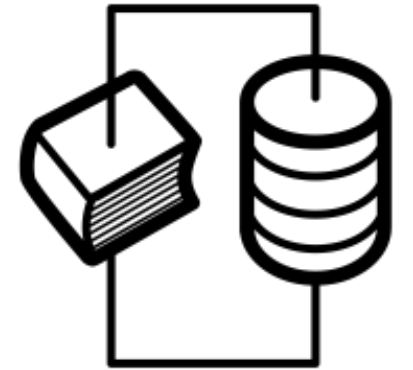
# Why Implement Data Governance?

- Data is an asset
- Asset management is important
  - Know what you have
  - Improve use and ensure efficiency
  - Maintain compliance
  - Identify and manage risks
- Data governance is data asset management



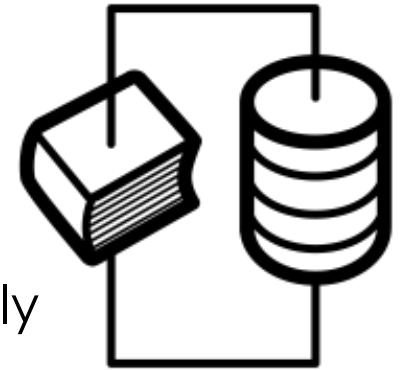
# Why Implement Data Governance?

- 2019 DVHA/ADS Business Domain Assessment
  - Recommendation to formalize the process
- CY20 contract section 5.7
  - Four quarterly deliverables
  - Ultimately drives creation of an initial implementation plan for CY21
- Initial implementation intended to be in CY21 contract



# Why Implement Data Governance?

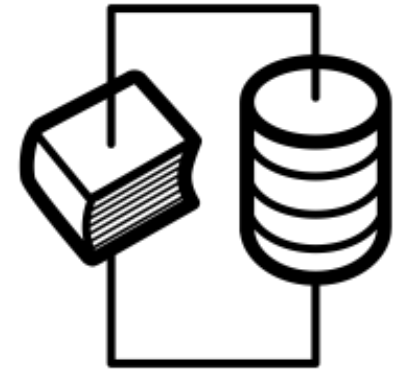
- Definition:
  - Includes the people, processes, and technologies needed to manage and protect data assets in order to guarantee generally understandable, correct, complete, trustworthy, secure, accessible, and usable data
- Aims to ensure VHIE data is
  - Understandable
  - Correct, complete, trustworthy
  - Accessible and usable
  - Secure





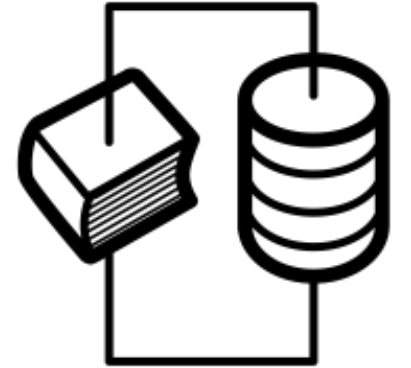
# How are we Implementing?

- Already completed
  - Identified internal and external roles
  - Defined internal role responsibilities
  - Specified data governance model
  - Listed data governance groups and their hierarchy
  - Identified required documentation



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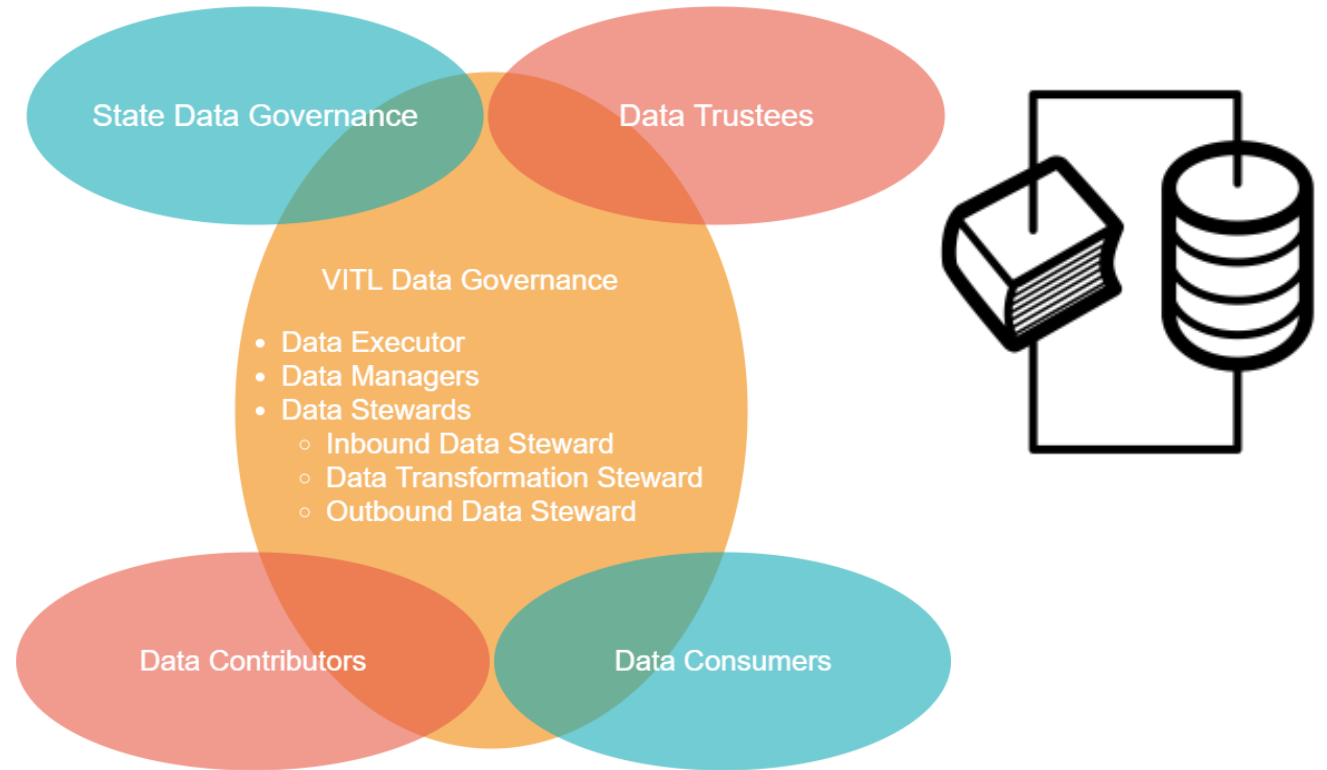
- CY21
  - Scope near-term implementation
  - Complete required documentation
  - Write data governance policy
  - Complete VHIE data dictionary
  - Apply policies
- Beyond
  - Continue to assess scope



# Who is Involved?

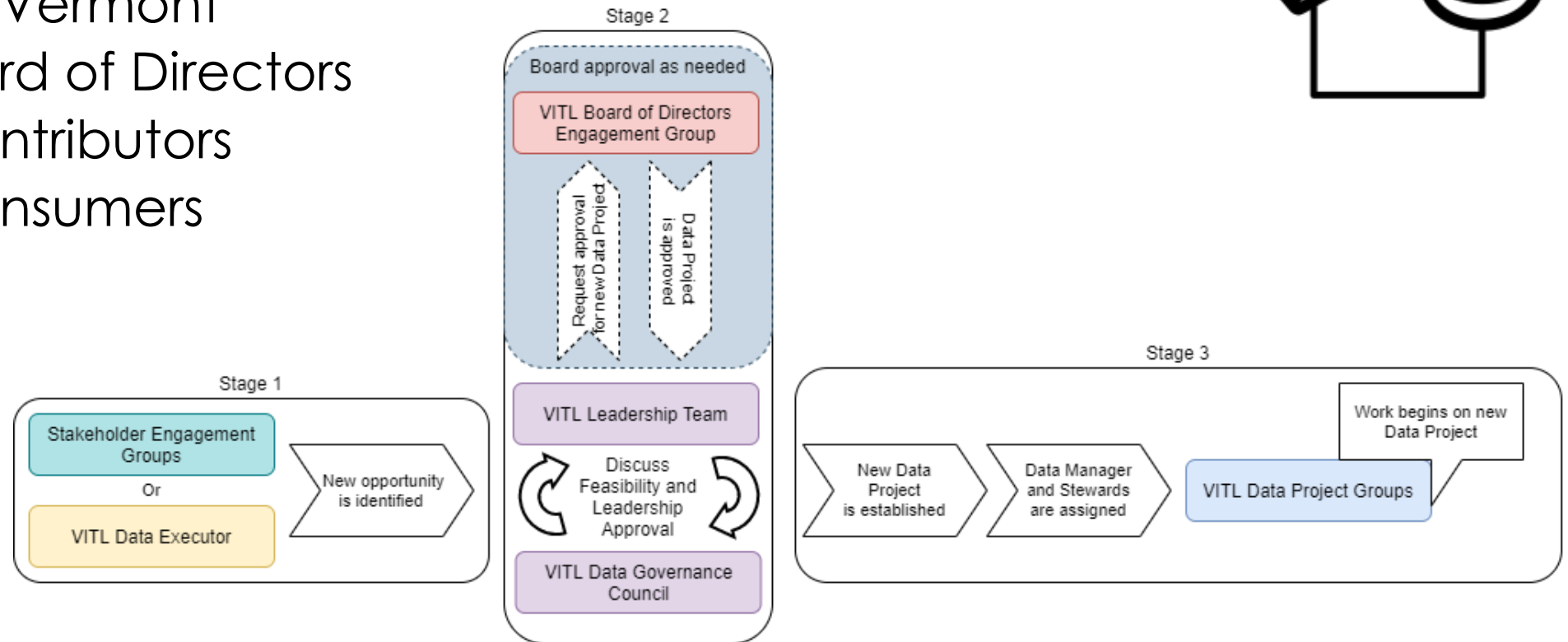
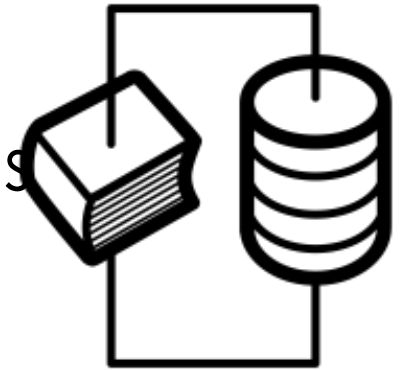
- Roles and responsibilities
  - VITL internal roles
  - External roles
    - Data contributors
    - Data consumers
    - Data trustees
    - State data governance:

- Green Mountain Care Board
- AHS/DVHA
- HIE Steering Committee



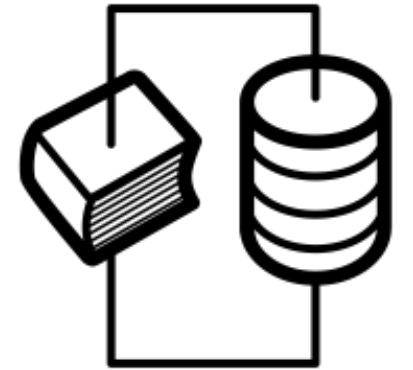
# Who is Involved?

- Data governance stakeholder engagement groups
  - State of Vermont
  - VITL Board of Directors
  - Data contributors
  - Data consumers
  - Patients



# What's next?

- Complete implementation charter
- Update documentation
- Finalize VHIE data governance policy



# Updates

- **HIE Plan**

- The final draft is included in the meeting invite
- The Plan will be submitted to the GMCB on October 30 and presented on November 18
- The *Protocols for Sharing Data on the VHIE* now:
  - Represents how the VHIE aids VDH in accomplishing their work as a Public Health Authority as directed by state and federal law
  - Underscores that VDH may access PHI from the VHIE in response to a Significant Public Health Risk (defined by state law)

- **Outcomes Based Certification Subcommittee**

- Meeting delayed until December to allow for more information gathering and guidance from CMS

- **New Committee Members**

- Home Health: Sandy Rouse, CEO of Central Vermont Home Health & Hospice
- To be contracted: Long Term Care (*Thank you, Emma!*)
- Need help finding a “Representative of people who engage with the health care system”

## Remaining 2020 Meetings

- The November and December HIE Steering Committee meetings will include an overview of VITL's work operating the VHIE
- We encourage you to attend AND invite others who may benefit from this information
- *Do the November & December dates work for everyone or should they be rescheduled?*
  - November 23
  - December 28