

<b>Committee Name: Health Information Exchange (HIE) Steering Committee</b>	<b>(Interim) Committee Chair: Sandi Hoffman</b>
<b>Meeting Goals:</b> 1) Welcomes & Introductions 2) A Look at VITL's Work in 2021 3) Sustainability Concepts: Outcomes Based Certification and State-Run EHR Incentive Programs 4) Confirming Strategic Concepts in the HIE Plan 5) Wrap-Up	<b>Mtg. Facilitator:</b> Emily Richards <b>Mtg. Recorder:</b> Marie Bernier <b>Where:</b> Virtual Meeting
	Conference Room: none
	<b>Date:</b> August 24, 2020 <b>Time:</b> 10:30am – 12:00pm
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>May contain Confidential/Exempt information</b>	<b>Teams Meeting Information:</b> +1 802-552-8456, 642 073 910#

Attendees ( <b>Present Bold</b> ) <i>Non-Voting Member in Italics</i>			
Name	Title	Name	Title
<b>Sandi Hoffman, Chair</b>	Quality Improvement Director & Interim Deputy Commissioner, DVHA	<b>Beth Tanzman</b>	Executive Director, Blueprint for Health
Tracy Dolan	Deputy Commissioner, AHS	<i>Beth Anderson</i>	<i>VITL, Vermont's Health Information Exchange Operator</i>
<b>Tyler Gauthier</b>	OneCare Vermont	<i>Sarah Kinsler</i>	<i>Health Care Project Director, The Green Mountain Care Board</i>
<b>Emma Harrigan</b>	Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems	<i>Kristin McClure</i>	<i>Chief Data Officer, ADS</i>
<b>Georgia Maheras</b>	Bi-State Primary Care Association	<i>Emily Richards</i>	<i>Program Director, HIE</i>
Jimmy Mauro	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont	<i>Mahesh Thopasridharan</i>	<i>Program Manager, HIE</i>
<b>Simone Rueschemeyer</b>	Executive Director, Vermont Care Network	<i>Marie Bernier</i>	<i>Executive Assistant, HIE</i>

Non-Committee Members present			
Name	Title	Name	Title
<b>Heather Kendall</b>	Medicaid Operations Administrator	<b>Katelyn Muir</b>	Data Quality Specialist, OneCare
<b>Michelle Sawyer</b>	Medicaid Operations Administrator	<b>Bechir Bensaïd</b>	Program Manager, ADS
<b>Adam Atherly</b>	Health Researcher, UVM	<b>Heri Troche</b>	Medicaid Operations Administrator

<b>Carolyn Stone</b>	Director of Operations, VITL	<b>Richard Terricciano</b>	Enterprise Architect, ADS
<b>Joe Liscinsky</b>	MMIS, AHS	<b>Dan Chase</b>	MMIS, AHS
<b>Jessie Hammond</b>	Public Health Statistics Manager, VDH	<b>Maurine Gilbert</b>	Director of Client Engagement, VITL

	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
I.	Welcome & Introductions	10:30 – 10:40
II.	A Look at VITL’s Work in 2021	10:40 – 10:45
III.	Sustainability Concepts: Outcomes Based Certification and State-Run HER Incentive Programs	10:45 – 11:45
IV.	Confirming Strategic Concepts in the HIE Plan	11:45 – 12:25
V.	Wrap-Up	12:25 – 12:30

	<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>Topic Facilitator</b>	<b>NOTES</b> <i>(notes are provided in italics and blue)</i>	<b>Action Items</b>
I.	Welcome & Introductions	Emily Richards	<i>Emily welcomed the group to the sixth meeting of 2020 and reviewed the <a href="#">agenda (page 2)</a>.</i>	
II.	A Look at VITL’s Work in 2021	Beth Anderson	<p><i>Beth Anderson discussed plans for 2021. Examples include:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>•Monitoring and ensuring compliance with interoperability requirements - ensuring the VHIE meets 2021 CURES Act requirements, i.e. information blocking requirements and developing new policies and procedures for any new data access requests.</i></li> <li><i>•Education and support of stakeholders - exploring opportunities to support hospitals and conversations with Medicaid about supporting compliance with Patient Access and Interoperability Rule.</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Committee Discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>•In terms of ADTs, Emily asked for clarification on whether VITL is planning on working with hospitals on their existing technology or they planning on procuring something new? VITL is not able to answer as of yet, but Beth added that VITL will work with hospitals to determine if they need a</i></li> </ul>	<i>Emily to distribute State Medicaid Directors Letter Re: Interoperability Rules implementation to DVHA staff on call</i>

			<p><i>third-party technology to aid in complying with the new rules, and if VITL should manage that technology on their behalf.</i></p> <p><i>Additional Updates from VITL:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Beth noted that Bruce Bullock has retired from the VITL Board Chair position. Following his announcement, the board elected Leah Fullem, VP of Enterprise Information Management at the UVM Health Network, as the new board chair and Kelly Lange, VP of Strategy and Transformations at the Adirondacks ACO as vice chair. In addition, the board elected two new members: Jeff Tieman, President &amp; CEO of VAHHS and Tim Kenney, CEO of AI Certain.</i></li> <li>• <i>VITL received an award for their part in implementing Vermont’s new consent policy from the Strategic HIE Collaborative (SHIEC).</i></li> </ul>	
III.	Sustainability Concepts: Outcomes Based Certification and State-Run EHR Incentive Program	Emily Richards	<p><i>Emily discussed the following two sustainability topics with the group and requested that the HIE Steering Committee consider their interest and involvement. To start the conversation, Emily gave a brief <a href="#">explanation of how publicly funded HIE initiatives work (page 4)</a>.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Outcomes Based Certification</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>CMS has recently advised that HIE “modules” may be certified, opening an opportunity for states to receive previously unavailable Operations funds at a 75/25 match rate</i></li> <li>○ <i>This is a new opportunity for HIEs.</i></li> <li>○ <i>Emily requested that the outcomes measures be used by the Steering Committee to continuously measure the utility of the VHIE as well as support the Outcomes Based</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Establish an ad-hoc, short-term Outcomes Based Certification Subcommittee to support development of outcomes measures. Members: OCV, VITL, Bi-State, VAHHS, &amp; VCN.</p> <p>Continuation of HIE Incentive Program Pre-Subcommittee to have a re-educational meeting in February/March 2021</p>

			<p><i>Certification process – the Committee agreed.</i></p> <p><i>Committee Discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Beth Tanzman clarified that the HIT Fund sunsets this year and will need to be extended by the legislature.</i></li> <li>○ <i>A group of Steering Committee members agreed to join short-term process to aid the state in developing the outcomes measures and supporting metrics used to certify the VHIE.</i></li> <li>● <i>Continuation of EHR Incentive Program</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i><a href="#">Emily provided a HITECH Program overview (page 11)</a></i></li> <li>○ <i>The federal government is offering states an opportunity to design their own EHR incentive programs once the HITECH Act program expires in late 2021.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Committee Discussion:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Beth Tanzman asked if Home Health Agencies could be eligible in this program? Emily said they could be if we include them in the proposal – it is up to the state to determine who is eligible.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>The Committee agrees that all care providers must have the appropriate technology to realize the vision of an integrated system of care. However, they need more information about funding and program parameters to make a decision on this.</i></li> </ul>	
IV.	Confirming Strategic Concepts in the HIE Plan	Emily Richards	<i>Emily is looking to confirm the following objectives with the group for the HIE Plan</i>	DVHA to share additional information re: the state-run EHR incentive program once it is made available from CMS.  Emily will circulate a HIE Plan Update (Draft) by the end of next

			<p><i>Update. She directed everyone to the <a href="#">IT Objectives (page 25)</a>.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Committee Discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Beth Tanzman asked if the Immunization testing results would include the COVID-19 test results. It was determined that while the COVID-19 test results are recorded, the results are not reflected in these immunization numbers</i></li> <li>○ <i>Committee Discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Beth Tanzman suggested adding date ranges to tactics in the table.</i></li> <li>▪ <i>The Committee agreed that the IT objectives and tactics appropriately reflect their vision.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>In addition, Emily reviewed the <a href="#">HIE Technical Planning Guidelines (pages 26 &amp; 27)</a> – the Committee agreed to include them in the Plan.</i></li> </ul>	<p>week (September 11, 2020) for Committee review</p>
V.	Wrap-Up	Emily Richards	<p><i>The next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2020 and the agenda will include the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Review Subcommittee Outputs – Collaborative Services and Connectivity Criteria</i></li> <li>• <i>Discuss Governance – new subcommittees, membership, and meeting design</i></li> <li>• <i>Finalize HIE Plan Update</i></li> </ul>	