

<b>Committee Name:</b> Health Information Exchange (HIE) Steering Committee	<b>(Interim) Committee Chair:</b> Sandi Hoffman
<b>Meeting Goals:</b> 1) Welcomes & Introductions 2) Review and Confirm Data Onboarding Plans 3) Review and Confirm Schedule and Outputs of Subcommittees 4) COVID-19 Lessons Learned and Related Opportunities 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> July 27, 2020 <b>Time:</b> 10:30am – 12:30pm
<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
Sandi Hoffman, Chair	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>	Director of Value Based Care, OneCare Vermont	<i>Sarah Kinsler</i>	<i>Health Care Project Director, The Green Mountain Care Board</i>
<b>Emma Harrigan</b>	Director of Policy Analysis and Development, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems	<i>Kristin McClure</i>	<i>Chief Data Officer, ADS</i>
<b>Georgia Maheras</b>	Vice President, Policy & Strategy, Bi-State Primary Care Association	<i>Emily Richards</i>	<i>Program Director, HIE</i>
<b>Jimmy Mauro</b>	Director of Analytics, 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>Bechir BenSaid</b>	Program Manager, ADS	<b>Maurine Gilbert</b>	Director of Client Engagement, VITL
<b>Jessie Hammond</b>	Public Health Statistics Manager, VDH	<b>Alison Krompf</b>	Director of Quality and Accountability, DMH
<b>Sarah Lindberg</b>	Health Services Researcher, GMCB	<b>MaryKate Mohlman</b>	Health Services Researcher, Blueprint for Health

<b>Carolyn Stone</b>	Director of Operations, VITL	<b>Richard Terricciano</b>	Enterprise Architect, ADS
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	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Schedule</b>
I.	Welcome & Introductions	10:30 – 10:40
II.	Review and Confirm Data Onboarding Plans	10:40 – 11:00
III.	Review and Confirm Schedule and Outputs of Subcommittees	11:00 – 11:25
IV.	COVID-19 Lessons Learned and Related Opportunities	11:25 – 11:55
V.	Wrap-Up	11:55 – 12:00

	<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	<p><i>Emily virtually welcomed the group to the fifth meeting of 2020. For the next two meetings the group will discuss all the work that will be reflected in the 2020 Strategic Plan update, due November 1, 2020. To accomplish this, meeting topics will be structured as follows.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Work that’s already been approved by the Committee:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Onboarding of new data types, Connectivity Criteria, Designated Criteria.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>What’s new:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Collaborative Services (Phase 1), Cures Act Final Rules, COVID-19 Impact</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>What’s Possible:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Highlight what we’d like to explore through next year.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
II.	Review and Confirm Data Onboarding Plans	Emily Richards	<p><i>The focus of this conversation is to review and confirm the tactical plans of the Strategic Plan Update. Everyone was directed to the <a href="#">Datatypes Roadmap Gantt Chart (pg. 5)</a>, to discuss the new data types being introduced to the VHIE and the policy, IT, and governance plans for doing so.</i></p> <p><i>Data Onboarding Timeline:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Beth Anderson noted that the Collaborative Services Phase II work is not ending in December.</i></li> <li>• <i>Carolyn requested that policy and procedure efforts be added to the Social Determinants</i></li> </ul>	

*of Health Data (SDoH) section, somewhere between the Data Sharing Agreements and the SDoH Phase II. Discussion followed of what the phases will entail. Phase 1 is the safe exchange of SDoH data from Agency of Human Service to OneCare Vermont. Phase 2 will include expanding data sources and access. The group discussed moving Phase 1 up to early 2021, to allow more time for implementing phase 2.*

*Clinically Sensitive Data:*

- The group discussed the Part II+ group, which is hosted by VITL. This group intends to implement a stakeholder driven process to inform development of universal policies and procedures for sharing data governed by 42CFR Part II (substance use disorder data), and other sensitive data types, on a patient-driven opt-in basis.*
- The consent policy must be updated to allow for SUD data exchange. The Part II+ group will bring a recommended policy update to the Committee in late 2020 for review. This may require a mid-stream update to the HIE Strategic Plan.*
- The Part II+ group has agreed to “Pilot” one DA. Carolyn added that multiple users will need to test the data on the receiving end.
  - Beth Tanzman requested that the Howard Center be considered for the pilot and that the Division of Alcohol and Drugs Abuse Programs (ADAP) be involved in the Part II+ Group.**

*Claims Data:*

- The HIE Ecosystem concept was discussed as it relates to introducing claims data to the VHIE ([included here on page 6](#)).*
- In theory, if the technology can support the exchange of data, the VHIE will have the capacity to manage claims data by the end of the Create sub-2021.*
- There were a number of questions about what it means for the VHIE to “manage”*

			<p><i>claims data. The group agreed to convene a subcommittee of subject matter experts to define the processes and policies related to VHIE claims management. Medicaid claims will be used for the pilot. Note: this <u>does not</u> refer to claims processing.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Sarah Lindberg and others raised the concern that Medicaid claims are different than commercial insurance claims so the pilot may run into a lot of nuances.</i></li> <li>○ <i>The group discussed involving various subject matter experts on the subcommittee (e.g., Medicasoft users in Delaware who are already using the VHIE data platform to integrate claims and clinical data).</i></li> </ul>	
III.	Review and Confirm Schedule and Outputs of Subcommittees	Emily Richards	<p><i>Review of the expectations of the 2020 subcommittees <u>(on page 13)</u>.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <i>Connectivity Criteria Subcommittee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Will propose a Physical Health Data Connectivity Criteria update to the HIE Steering Committee in September 2020.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>● <i>Collaborative Services Subcommittee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Working on a point-in-time assessment of the Collaborative Services project and will propose next steps recommendation to the HIE Steering Committee in September 2020.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
IV.	COVID-19 Lessons Learned and Related Opportunities	Emily Richards/Beth Anderson	<p><i>Emily explained that while COVID-19 has been challenging in many ways, it has also created many opportunities and broken down many barriers in terms of data sharing. The group walked through activities underway and those planned for the near future</i></p> <p><i>Beth Anderson reviewed COVID-19 response efforts <u>(attached here on pages 15&amp;16)</u> and expanded on the opportunity to connect the VHIE connection to a national network.</i></p> <p><i>Committee Discussion:</i></p>	

			<p><i>The Committee had no objections to pursuing the future opportunities presented. Notes below detail related Committee discussions.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Consent Policies would apply when out of state patients visit Vermont facilities.</i></li> <li>• <i>VHIE to continue data-sharing to support ongoing syndromic surveillance, beyond COVID-19. This would require a change to current Consent Policy as it is currently only allowed on an emergency basis.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Sarah Kinsler would like to check with the Green Mountain Care Board staff about the need to update the policy.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Emma Harrigan suggested adding real-time data access to the items that should be included in a consent policy update.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Emily suggested designating a time to discuss possible consent policy changes – the group agreed.</i></li> <li>○ <i>MaryKate Mohlman suggested consulting the SIPS Team (legal group) to make sure we’re in line with all State-wide Consent Policies Agreements.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Connect additional VDH registries to the VHIE to automate public health reporting to VDH (Death reporting)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Carolyn added that they are finalizing a data sharing agreement with VDH to exchange data between the VHIE and the Death Registry. The next step is implementing the files into the portal and getting ready to run reports. She noted that birth data is not as urgent of a need as it’s often captured at a care facility.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>In terms of other VHIE data connection opportunities, Emma and Beth Tanzman mentioned that Health Centrics Advisors is supporting a reporting quality group focused on Medicare reporting and may benefit from a lab data feed, particularly for long-term care and nursing facilities. Hospitals may be</i></li> </ul>	<p><i>Schedule a consent policy discussion with interested parties to identify areas of the state’s consent to share data via the VHIE policy that may need to be augmented or added.</i></p> <p><i>Emma to connect with her contacts and keep the group posted on this need.</i></p>
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			<p><i>providing this data manually now to meet this reporting requirement.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The committee felt comfortable with the continued efforts of COVID response and had no additions at this time.</i></li> </ul>	
V.	Wrap-Up	Emily Richards	<p><i>The next meeting is scheduled for August 27, 2020. Agenda will include CURES Act follow and VITLs 2020 plans, as well as two sustainability topics: VHIE certification and continued EHR incentive program. Materials will be provided ahead of time.</i></p> <p><i>September agenda: Review Subcommittee output, Stakeholder Engagement, and HIE Plan Update.</i></p> <p><i>Meeting evaluation: The Committee agreed that the meeting achieved what was intended.</i></p> <p><i>Per the Committee's suggestion, going forward, the meetings will now conclude at noon, instead of 12:30.</i></p>	