

Committee Name: Health Information Exchange (HIE) Steering Committee	Committee Chair: Sandi Hoffman
Meeting Goals: 1) Welcomes & Introductions 2) Subcommittee Work: Connectivity Criteria Update, Collaborative Services Assessment 3) HIE Steering Committee Governance Structure: 2021, Subcommittees, Membership 4) Finalize HIE Plan Update 5) Wrap-Up	Mtg. Facilitator: Emily Richards Mtg. Recorder: Marie Bernier Where: Virtual Meeting
	Conference Room: none
	Date: September 28, 2020 Time: 10:30am – 12:00pm
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Attendees (Present Bold)			
<i>Non-Voting Member in Italics</i>			
Name	Title	Name	Title
Sandi Hoffman, Chair	Quality Improvement Director & Interim Deputy Commissioner, DVHA	Beth Tanzman	Executive Director, Blueprint for Health
Tracy Dolan/ Jessie Hammond	Deputy Commissioner, AHS	Beth Anderson	<i>VITL, Vermont's Health Information Exchange Operator</i>
Tyler Gauthier	OneCare Vermont	Sarah Kinsler	<i>Health Care Project Director, The Green Mountain Care Board</i>
Emma Harrigan	Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems	Kristin McClure	<i>Chief Data Officer, ADS</i>
Georgia Maheras	Bi-State Primary Care Association	Emily Richards	<i>Program Director, HIE</i>
Jimmy Mauro	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont	Mahesh Thopasridharan	<i>Program Manager, HIE</i>
Simone Rueschemeyer	Executive Director, Vermont Care Network	Marie Bernier	<i>Executive Assistant, HIE</i>

Non-Committee Members present			
Name	Title	Name	Title
Heather Kendall	Medicaid Operations Administrator, EHR/PIP	Katelyn Muir	Data Quality Specialist, OneCare
Frank Harris	Strategic Technology Advisor, VITL	Bechir Bensaïd	Program Manager, ADS

Mary Kate Mohlman	Health Services Researcher, Blueprint	Ron Werner	Finance, DVHA
Carolyn Stone	Director of Operations, VITL	Richard Terricciano	Enterprise Architect, ADS
Bill Froberg	Enterprise Architect, ADS	Maurine Gilbert	Director of Client Engagement, VITL
Adam Atherly	Director of Health Services Research, UVM	Tim Tremblay	Data Analytics, Blueprint for Health
Rick Stevenson	Portfolio Manager, DVHA	Sarah Lindberg	Director of Health Systems Data Analytics, GMCB

	Agenda Item	Schedule
I.	Welcome & Introductions	10:30 – 10:40
II.	Subcommittee Work: Connectivity Criteria Update, Collaborative Services Assessment	10:40 – 10:45
III.	HIE Steering Committee Governance Structure: 2021, Subcommittees, Membership	10:45 – 11:45
IV.	Finalize HIE Plan Update	11:45 – 12:25
V.	Wrap-Up	12:25 – 12:30

	Agenda Topic	Topic Facilitator	NOTES <i>(notes are provided in italics and blue)</i>	Action Items
I.	Welcome & Introductions	Emily Richards	<i>Emily welcomed the group to the seventh meeting of 2020 and thanked the Committee members for their edits to the HIE Plan Update, and let others know to get any edits to her no later than October 2, 2020.</i>	
II.	Subcommittee Work: Connectivity Criteria Update, Collaborative Services Assessment	Tim Tremblay/Carolyn Stone	<p><i>As the Collaborative Services Subcommittee Spokesperson, Tim Tremblay, the Data Analytics and Info Administrator of the Vermont Blueprint for Health, provided an assessment of Phase 1 and 2 of the Collaborative Services project (pages 12-23):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>• Phase 1 - This first phase of the Collaborative Services, which is now complete, consisted of the following three parts:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>○ Implementation of the Universal Master Patient Index (UMPI). Verato was the vendor that was selected, and they went live in January 2020 for OneCare Vermont, Vermont Chronic Care Initiative, and the Vermont</i> 	

			<p><i>Blueprint for Health, after which they reported an improvement of duplicate records and specified a population match rate from <65% to >95%. The system aims to go live in the provider portal in 2021.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The implementation of the Rhapsody Interface engine at Cureous Innovation (Maine HealthInfoNet), which went live in April 2020. It moved to a hosted solution with Disaster Recovery solution and unlimited endpoints.</i> ○ <i>The implementation of the TermAtlas terminology services software to standardize the terminology coding across various systems, which also went live in April 2020. Nine data concepts were mapped (ex A1C), and additional concepts to be mapped as needs are identified and over 700 unique coeds are being mapped for these concepts, and over 600,000 codes were added in August alone.</i> ○ <i>Tim reported that through the work in Phase 1, there has been significant improvement in both patient matching and in terminology services, and VITL has been able to shed the on-premise infrastructure for Rhapsody, and over-all, the project has met its stated objectives as the technologies act as the foundation of the HIE and provide real value.</i> ● <i>Phase 2 – Data Repository</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Medicasoft, the vendor selected for Phase 2 of the Collaborative Services project, was chosen in February 2020 and the contract was signed in April 2020 – and the work for Phase two is well underway. Seven of the sixteen</i> 	
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			<p>sprints are complete, Data validation is underway, the final Charter has been approved by the Subcommittee, and the Subcommittee is developing a roadmap for future releases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The initial release, on target for January 2021, will integrate the MPI and Terminology Services systems, the reporting platform will have the ability to deliver data to the Blueprint and OCV, will comply with the most recent Information Blocking guidelines, to implement the FHIR Clinical Data Repository (CDR) and to establish the HISP system for secure messaging. ○ With the continuation of Phase 2, the Subcommittee expects to have better data to support health care and health care systems, more efficient data access for clinicians through FHIR API support, improved data and access for VHIE stakeholders, support for patient access to data, more efficient is meant for the Subcommittee to assess the MedicaSoft Platform to date. ○ The Subcommittee’s assessment of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Collaborative Services project will be included in the HIE Plan update on November 1, 2020.. <p><i>Connectivity Criteria Review</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carolyn Stone, Director of Operations at VITL, presented the VHIE Connectivity Criteria (pages 4-11). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Connectivity Criteria Subcommittee consisted of members from Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Vermont Blueprint for Health, 	
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III.	HIE Steering Committee Governance Structure: 2021, Subcommittees, Membership	Emily Richards	<p><i>Emily reviewed the proposed HIE Steering Committee Governance Structure for 2021 (pages 25-32).</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Outcomes Based Certification Subcommittee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>This Subcommittee will be needed on a short-term bases and the proposed membership will be OCV, VITL, Bi-State, VAHHS, and VCP.</i> ○ <i>It’s main objective will be to support the State in developing HIE outcomes measures that will aid in ongoing evaluation of the</i> 	

			<p><i>VHIE and satisfy CMS' certification requirements.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Collaborative Services Subcommittee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>This Subcommittee will maintain existing membership and plans to meet through July 2021, as a minimum.</i> ○ <i>This Subcommittee will aid VITL in developing a technical roadmap for meeting user's needs through the new Collaborative Service's technical platform.</i> • <i>Interface Prioritization Subcommittee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>This Subcommittee will meet at the end of 2020 to use the interface matrix to develop annual connectivity priorities for the year to come.</i> ○ <i>The subcommittee member are Blueprint, OCV and Bi-State. Carolyn proposed adding a member of VDH to this Subcommittee.</i> • <i>Connectivity Criteria Subcommittee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>This short-term Subcommittee will continue with its existing membership and will aid in updating the Connectivity Criteria for physical health; other data types TBD.</i> • <i>Social Determinants of Health/Population Health Subcommittee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>This Subcommittee is proposed to gather in early 2021 and its cadence is yet to be determined.</i> ○ <i>Members are thought to be OCV, Gravity Group representative, DVHA, and Blueprint. In addition, Emma Harrigan from VAHHS would like to be added to the membership, as would Adam Atherly from UVM, MaryKate Mohlman from Blueprint, Bi-State, and VITL.</i> 	
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			<p><i>O’Neal if a consultation is needed.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Kristin McClure suggested that data governance should be addressed on a project basis, i.e., within the work done by subcommittees. The rest of the Committee agreed that data governance can be addressed within the subcommittees. Emily confirmed that it is the Committee’s role to unify data governance concepts across the subcommittees (there was no disagreement).</i> 	
IV.	Finalize HIE Plan Update	Emily Richards	<p><i>Emily reviewed the following <u>concepts to be included in the HIE Plan Update before it’s submission to the GMCB on November 1, 2020 (pages 33-36).</u></i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The HIE Steering Committee supports the continuation of the HIT Fund. The Committee agreed.</i> • <i>The HIE Steering Committee is comfortable with expanding the Data Sharing agreement to include sharing VHIE data with public health, which is currently governed by the emergency order. The Committee agreed.</i> • <i>The group discussed a proposed VHIE Architecture diagram that illustrates the relationships between health data systems and the VHIE.</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Beth Anderson noted that it reflects the direction “we” as an HIE are going.</i> ▪ <i>Frank Harris requested that the arrows representing VITL’s</i> 	

			<p><i>Infrastructure should be bi-directional.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Katie Muir, OCV, agreed that this reflects the vision for the HIE system in Vermont.</i> ▪ <i>The Committee agreed to include the diagram in the HIE Plan update.</i> <p><i>The group reviewed the 2021 HIE Steering Committee members.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>The group agreed that representatives from Home Health and Long-Term Care should be added to the membership, and the Consumer Representative should be filled.</i> ○ <i>Carolyn Stone suggested adding a “member-orientation” for anyone joining the Committee.</i> 	
V.	Wrap-Up	Emily Richards	<p><i>The next meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2020 and the agenda will include the VITL Data Governance structure and the 2021 meeting design.</i></p> <p><i>By the year’s end, subcommittees will discuss the Outcomes Based Certification Measures Development and Interface Prioritization.</i></p>	