# Connectivity Criteria Sub-Committee

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**WHAT** is purpose of Connectivity Criteria Sub-Committee?

1. Annually refine/update the existing Connectivity Criteria to enable the Vermont Health Information Exchange to provide services that further the goals outlined in the statewide HIE Strategic Plan.

2. Establish Connectivity Criteria to enable aggregation and management of additional data types – beyond current clinical data – including social determinants of health (SDoH), claims, women's health, substance use and mental health data.

**WHY** does this work matter?

The Connectivity Criteria [required under 18 V.S.A. § 9352 (i)(2)] establishes the standards for creating and maintaining connectivity to the State of Vermont's Health Information Exchange network.

An overarching clear framework expressed through the connectivity criteria will empower data sources and data receivers to confidently share meaningful data throughout Vermont and nationwide.

**HOW** are we accomplishing this effort?

Currently the Connectivity criteria is aligned towards US Core Data for Interoperability (USCDI) version 1 data set.

As part of the 21st Century Cures Act Final Rule, HL7 FHIR Release 4.0.1 has been identified as the foundational standard to support data exchange via secure APIs and USCDI)version 1 data set for defining electronic health information (EHI).

**WHEN** do we expect to see outcomes?

*Present to June 2020 -*

• Create Tier II Connectivity Criteria for the Designated Agencies (DA) data set involving Substance Use Disorder (SUD) data.
• Develop Connectivity Criteria Subcommittee Charter and submit to HIE SC.

*July 2020 to Fall 2020 -*

• Review/update the existing Physical Health Connectivity Criteria for Tier II & II standards
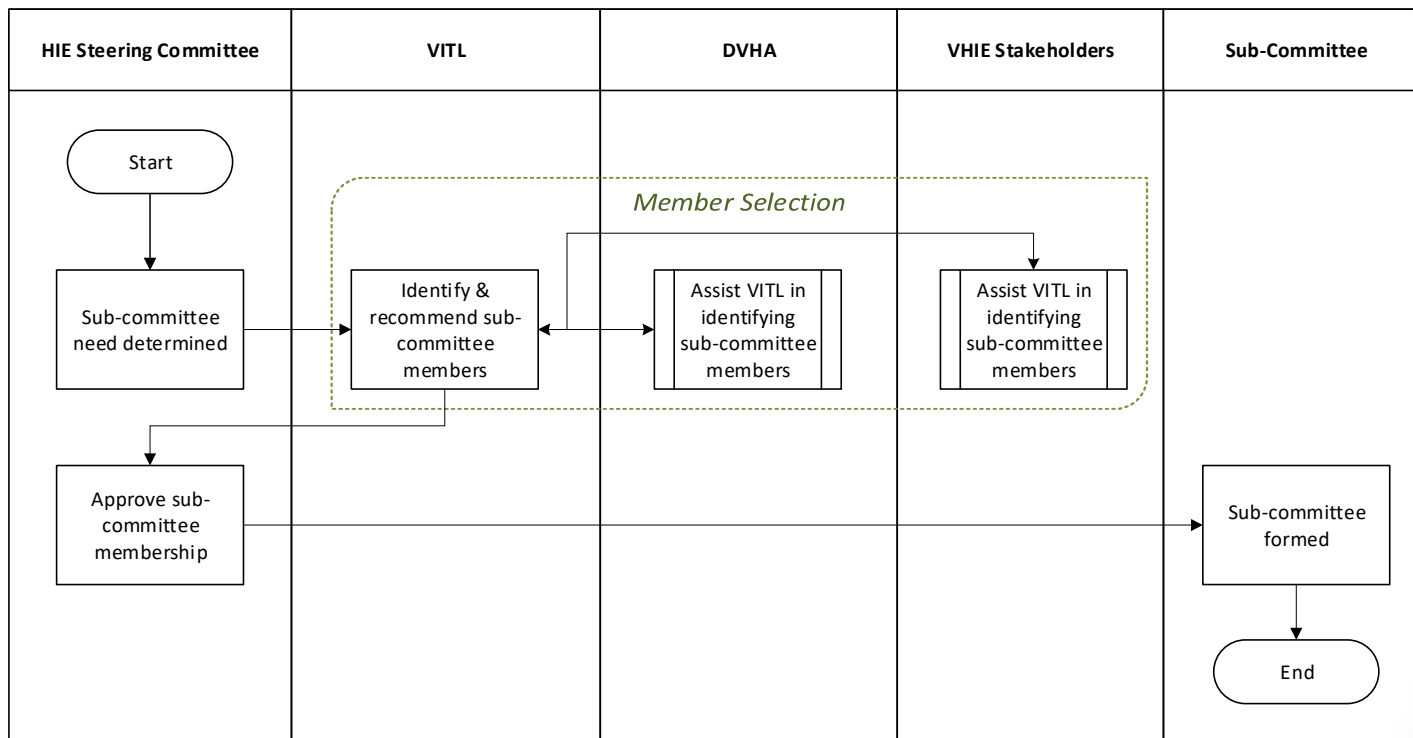
*September 2020 -*

• Support presentation of annual Connectivity Criteria updates to HIE SC for review and approval (Physical and DA data types).

**WHO** is involved in making this work happen?

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| *VITL* |
| *OneCare Vermont* |
| *Blueprint (DVHA)* |
| *Vermont Care Partners* |
| *Vermont Department of Health (VDH)* |
| *Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB)* |
| *Vermont Chronic Care Initiative* |
| *Bi-State Primary Care Association* |
| *HIE Program Team (DVHA)* |
| *Other groups as defined by new data types* |

# Connectivity Criteria Sub-Committee Membership

| HIE Steering Committee | VITL | DVHA | VHIE Stakeholders | Sub-Committee |
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| Start | | *Member Selection* | | |
| Sub-committee need determined | Identify & recommend sub-committee members | Assist VITL in identifying sub-committee members | Assist VITL in identifying sub-committee members | |
| Approve sub-committee membership | | | | Sub-committee formed |
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# Connectivity Criteria Sub-Committee Responsibilities

- Create recommendations on Connectivity criteria for all data type projects [Clinical/Part 2/Claims/SDoH] in line with currently established industry and federal standards and protocols.

- Participate in annual and new data type Connectivity criteria reviews and creation.

- Provide input for their programs and relevant data types into the process.

- Help communicate the recommendations to the HIE Steering Committee