

# Health Information Exchange Steering Committee Meeting

January 24, 2022

# Today's Agenda

- Welcome to the 2022 Session of the HIE Steering Committee
- Vermont Health Information Exchange Overview, Progress, and Future Directions
- Next Steps & Requests

# VITL 2022 for the HIE Steering Committee

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# About VITL

- Non-profit organization based in Burlington, VT
- ~26 employees
- VITL is the legislatively designated operator of the Vermont Health Information Exchange (VHIE).

# Mission & Vision

VITL's **vision** is to be a leader in collaboratively delivering actionable data that leads to better health.

VITL's **mission** is to securely aggregate, standardize, and share the data needed to improve the effectiveness of health care for Vermonters.

Part of a new [Strategic Framework](#) introduced in 2021

# What VITL Does

- VITL collects, translates and standardizes, and matches real-time patient data from health care providers across the state (and beyond) in the Vermont Health Information Exchange.
- Connecting to VITL eliminates the need for organizations to build and maintain multiple point-to-point connections
- Data is made available to inform:
  - Patient care at the point of care
  - Quality improvement
  - Health care reform
  - Population health initiatives
  - Public health activities

# Who Participates?

Organization Type	Participants
Hospitals (including all 14 Vermont hospitals)	16
Hospital-owned specialty and primary care practices	188
Independent practices	75
Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC)	11
Designated Agencies and Specialized Services Agencies	10
Home health agencies	10
Nursing homes and long-term care facilities	8
Emergency medical services (EMS/EMT)	34
Pharmacy chains and independent pharmacies	11
State and commercial labs	139
eHealth Exchange (national network including VA & DoD)	19
State & Federal Agencies	3

# VHIE Data

- Organizations that provide health care can submit data in a variety of formats, including HL7 messages, CCD, CCDA, Fast Healthcare Interoperability Resources (FHIR), or flat files.
  - Admission, discharge, and transfer (ADT) messages
  - Continuity of care documents (CCD)
  - Laboratory results – test results and COVID-19 public health reportable results
  - Radiology reports
  - Transcribed reports
  - Immunization messages (including from pharmacies)
  - Home health monitoring
  - Pharmacy fill information from a national network of pharmacies
  - eHealth Exchange – patient data to/from a national network



# Data Access / Data Sending Services

## Data Access Options

- A provider portal, **VITLAccess**
- **Results delivered into EHRs** for laboratory, radiology, transcribed reports
- **Event notification** to meet CMS Conditions of Participation
- Third-party event notification (PatientPing/Bamboo Health)
- **Custom views and custom reporting**

## Data Sending

- VITL streamlines data submission and reporting to:
  - OneCare Vermont
  - Vermont Blueprint for Health
  - Vermont Chronic Care Initiative
  - Vermont Department of Health - Lab Results & Immunization Registry

# 2021 Progress, 2022 Directions

Technology  
Funding  
Projects

# Next Steps & Requests

- Vacant Committee Position: Representative of people who engage with the health care system
  - *Ideas for filling vacancy?*
- Committee Website
  - Information on all Committee members is available at [healthdata.gov](https://healthdata.vermont.gov). If your information needs updating, please contact Marie ([Marie.Bernier@partner.Vermont.gov](mailto:Marie.Bernier@partner.Vermont.gov))
  - New 2022 Meeting Materials Page here: <https://healthdata.vermont.gov/HIESteeringCommittee/2022-hie-steering-committee-meeting-materials>
- Committee Evaluation
  - We are requesting your input on the structure of the Committee, strategic direction, and participation in 2022 efforts
  - Evaluation will be sent following the meeting; please complete ASAP
- Next Meeting: February 28