Health Information Exchange Steering Committee

February 28, 2022

Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Steering Committee Feedback & Areas of Interest
- Steering Committee Meeting Structure
- Subcommittee Review – Expectations & Participation

Steering Committee Feedback

Steering Committee Survey

- Committee members asked for feedback on:
  - The Steering Committee organizational structures
  - The Health Information Exchange Strategic Plan
  - 2022 plans and intentions for participation

What would help you effectively engage in HIE Steering Committee meetings? Most answered…

- All members have cameras ‘on’.
- Reminders about how meeting topics fit into the broader context of the Committee’s annual work.
- Break-out sessions during the meetings to focus on specific topics or meet with subcommittees.

The Health Information Exchange Plan (HIE Plan) provides the strategic vision for health data exchange in Vermont. The HIE Steering Committee is responsible for developing and executing the HIE Plan.

Do you feel the strategies articulated in the HIE Plan fully reflect the needs of Vermont's health system?

The HIE Plan covers several different initiatives aimed at improving the ways in which health data is gathered and exchanged in Vermont. *From your perspective, prioritize these initiatives in terms of order of importance.*

1. Defining which HIE services are considered foundational and therefore require sustained public investment.
2. Developing a data strategy to detail how and why data is integrated within the Unified Health Data Space.
3. Developing a state-run Electronic Health Records Incentive Program to ensure that more providers have electronic data collection tools and are contributing to and benefiting from the health records on the VHIE.
4. Complying with federal interoperability rules to make health data more available and accessible to patients or their supporting health plans.
5. Integrating public health systems and the VHIE to leverage the state's health-IT investments and maximize public health data system capabilities.
6. Leveraging the VHIE to support Medicaid operations, including delivery system reform efforts.
7. Prioritizing uses of claims data aggregated through the VHIE.

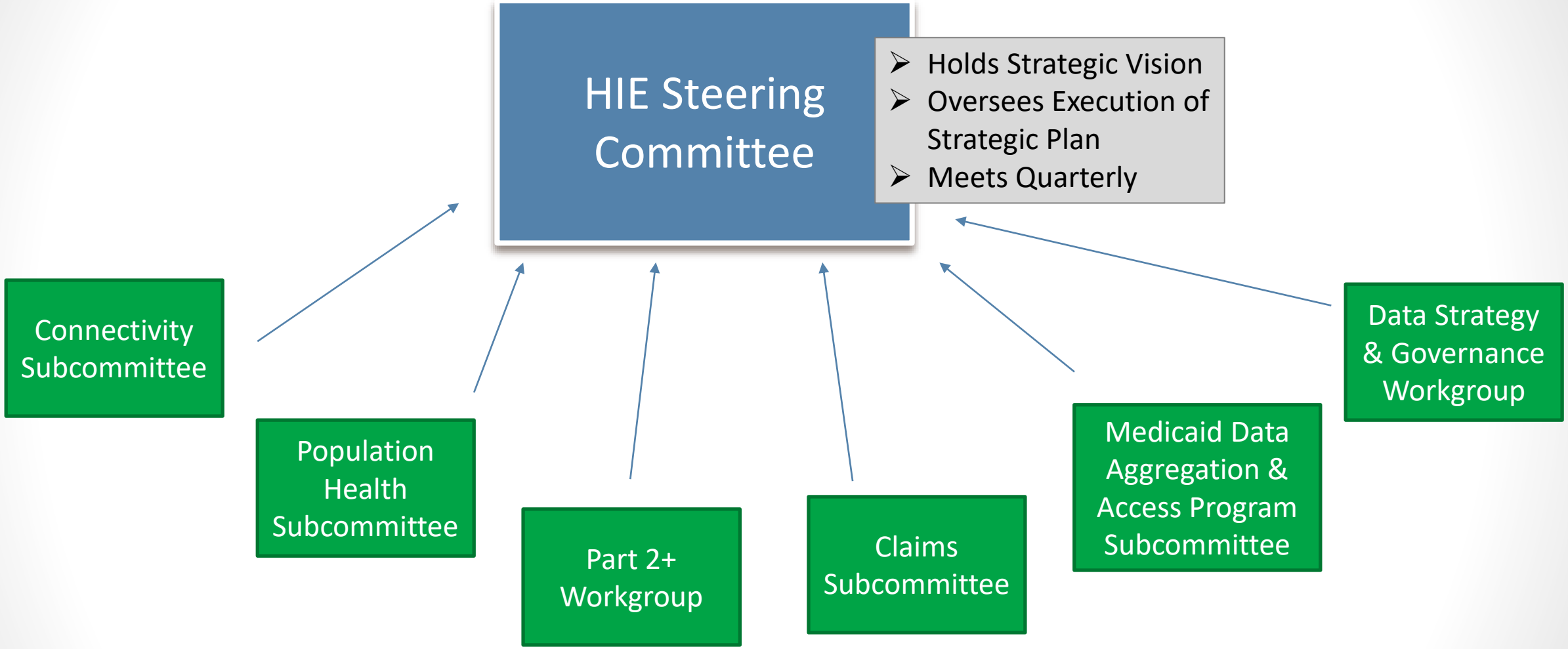
Are there other issues that the HIE Steering Committee should prioritize?

- The conversion of HIE interfaces to FHIR APIs, and implementation of a FHIRBase clinical data reporting/extraction system. Both of those are to enable more timely and more complete access to clinical data.
- Consideration of public perception. Does the HIE Steering Committee have a strategy or plan to address questions and concerns of its work?
- National exchange
- Non-traditional providers
- Data quality
- Quality reporting/initiatives

How can you help to ensure that Committee membership appropriately represents the new endeavors and data types considered in the HIE Plan?

What are your suggestions for how we can better engage with owners and users of new data types (claims, SUD, SDoH, MH/BH)?

Steering Committee Meeting Structure


HIE Steering Committee
Holds Strategic Vision
Oversees Execution of Strategic Plan
Meets Quarterly
Connectivity Subcommittee
Population Health Subcommittee
Part 2+ Workgroup
Claims Subcommittee
Medicaid Data Aggregation & Access Program Subcommittee
Data Strategy & Governance Workgroup

Subcommittee Review – Expectations & Participation

Subcommittees of the HIE Steering Committee

"While the Steering Committee continues to hold the strategic vision for HIE in Vermont and is responsible for updating and monitoring progress on the HIE Strategic Plan, sub-committees or workgroups provide subject matter expertise, operational support, and bring specific recommendations to the larger body."

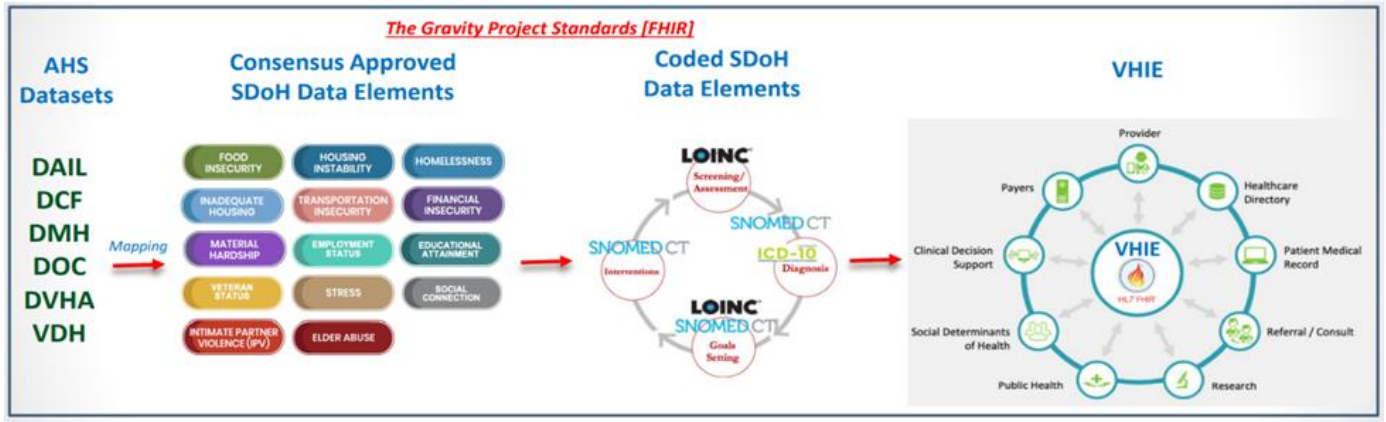
- **2022 Subcommittees**:
  - Connectivity Subcommittee - setting VHIE interface priorities and connectivity standards
  - Population Health Subcommittee - advancing exchange of social determinants of health data
  - Part II+ Workgroup - processes for exchange of clinically sensitive data, not limited to SUD data
  - Claims Subcommittee - continue work on VHIE claims integration
  - Medicaid Data Aggregation & Access Program Subcommittee - developing Vermont's EHR incentive program
  - Data Strategy & Governance Workgroup - documenting how, when, and why data is exchangeable through the Unified Health Data Space

Population Health Subcommittee

Focus: Advancing Exchange of Social Determinants of Health (SDoH) Data

What is happening now?

- AHS developed a SDoH Data Dictionary to identify and map data elements to be ingested on the VHIE



What is planned?

- AHS to work with VITL to define mechanisms for ingesting AHS' SDoH data elements onto the VHIE
- AHS to formalize data governance efforts to ensure appropriate disclosure of and access to Agency's SDoH data
- Population Health Subcommittee to:
  - Develop a stakeholder informed data governance model for the aggregation and exchange of SDoH data on the VHIE
  - Discuss data sources, data standards, data access, and needed policies and procedures such as SDoH Connectivity Criteria, consent policies, and data sharing agreements to facilitate aggregation and exchange of SDoH data through the VHIE
  - Prioritize SDoH data exchange efforts

2022 Subcommittee Focus: AHS Data

Claims Subcommittee

Continue work on VHIE claims integration

In 2021…

- The VHIE developed its system to ingest claims data; provided Medicaid with linked clinical/claims data report
- The Claims Subcommittee developed 20+ views (use cases) of how claims data on the VHIE could support their work.
  - Clinical uses – Individual: how data/information is used in a clinical setting to support clinical decisions made between an individual and their provider.
  - QI/operational - Organization: how data is used by an organization and can be grouped into two categories 1) How a health care organization uses data to improve its processes/workflow and improve panel management for groups of patients 2) How a program uses data to enhance operations such as setting payment levels for value-based payments or making policy decisions on how the program operates.
  - Evaluation – Population Health: focus on whether a program, policy, or intervention achieved what it meant to achieve. The outcomes are used to support decision making; can be more dynamic and flexible that reporting, though often rely on similar nationally recognized measures; see below.
  - Reporting – Population Health: measures (generally national standards) often agreed upon at the beginning of a program/ agreement/demonstration to be monitored by an overseeing entity e.g., HEDIS.

Claims Subcommittee

Continue work on VHIE claims integration

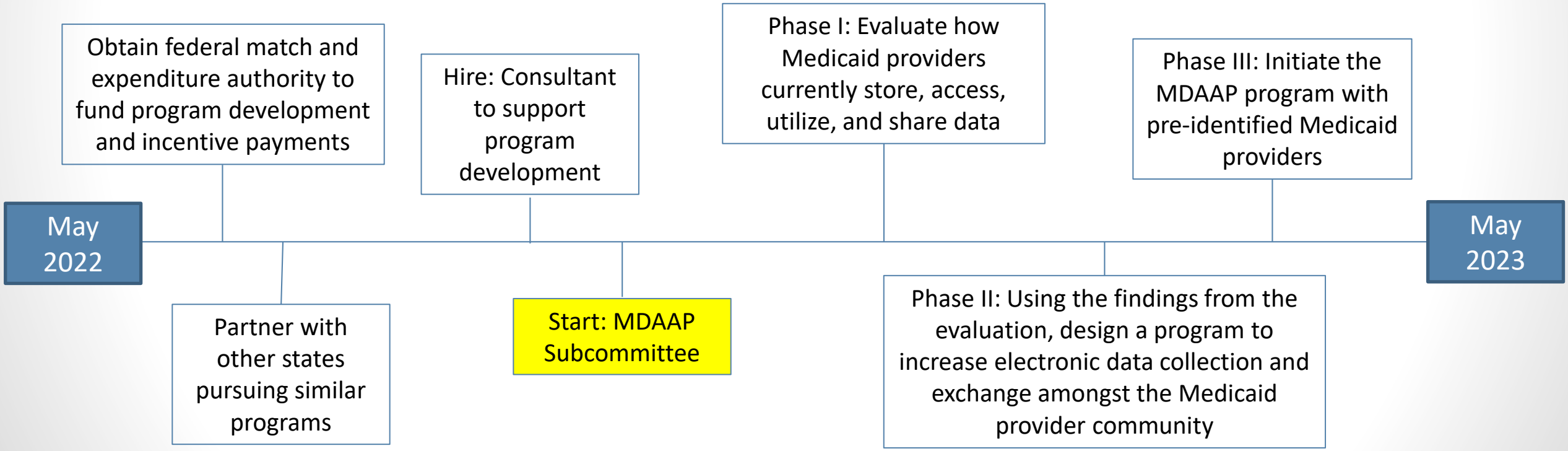
2022 Subcommittee Efforts

- *Goal*: Develop a tactical, time-based plan for integrating additional claims data sets onto the VHIE, including identified claims data
- *Focus*: Intersection between VHCURES, commercial claims, and VHIE clinical data repository

Medicaid Data Aggregation & Access Program (MDAAP) Subcommittee

Developing Vermont's EHR incentive program

- **Goal**: develop a program to help additional Medicaid providers obtain electronic health record and care coordination tools and connect to the VHIE to address data inequities and amplify records on the VHIE by developing a program to help additional Medicaid providers obtain electronic health record and care coordination tools and connect to the VHIE.
- **Program focus**: long-term care, home and community-based health services, mental health, and substance use disorder providers



Data Strategy & Governance Workgroup

Goal: Develop a replicable data strategy document that illustrates how, when, and why data is exchanged through the Unified Health Data Space

Group discussion: Who is involved in working toward this goal?

Wrap Up & Next Steps