Part 2 Data Governance - *Kickoff*
Vermont Health Information Exchange (VHIE)

Prepared for the Part 2 Data Governance Group

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Agenda

- Welcome Members
- Shared Values and Goals
- Background & Overview
- HIE Data Governance Framework
  - 42 CFR Part 2 Governance & Structure
- Part 2 Short- and Long-Term Goals
- Discussions

Membership

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Shared Values and Goals

- Ensuring access and minimal barriers to services for all Vermonters

- Clear and shared understanding of governance process

- Patients are at the center of their health data – all individuals can make informed decisions about the use of their health data

- Policy makers / payers are able to assess value of programs and adapt to changing needs

- AHS will not share data with law enforcement
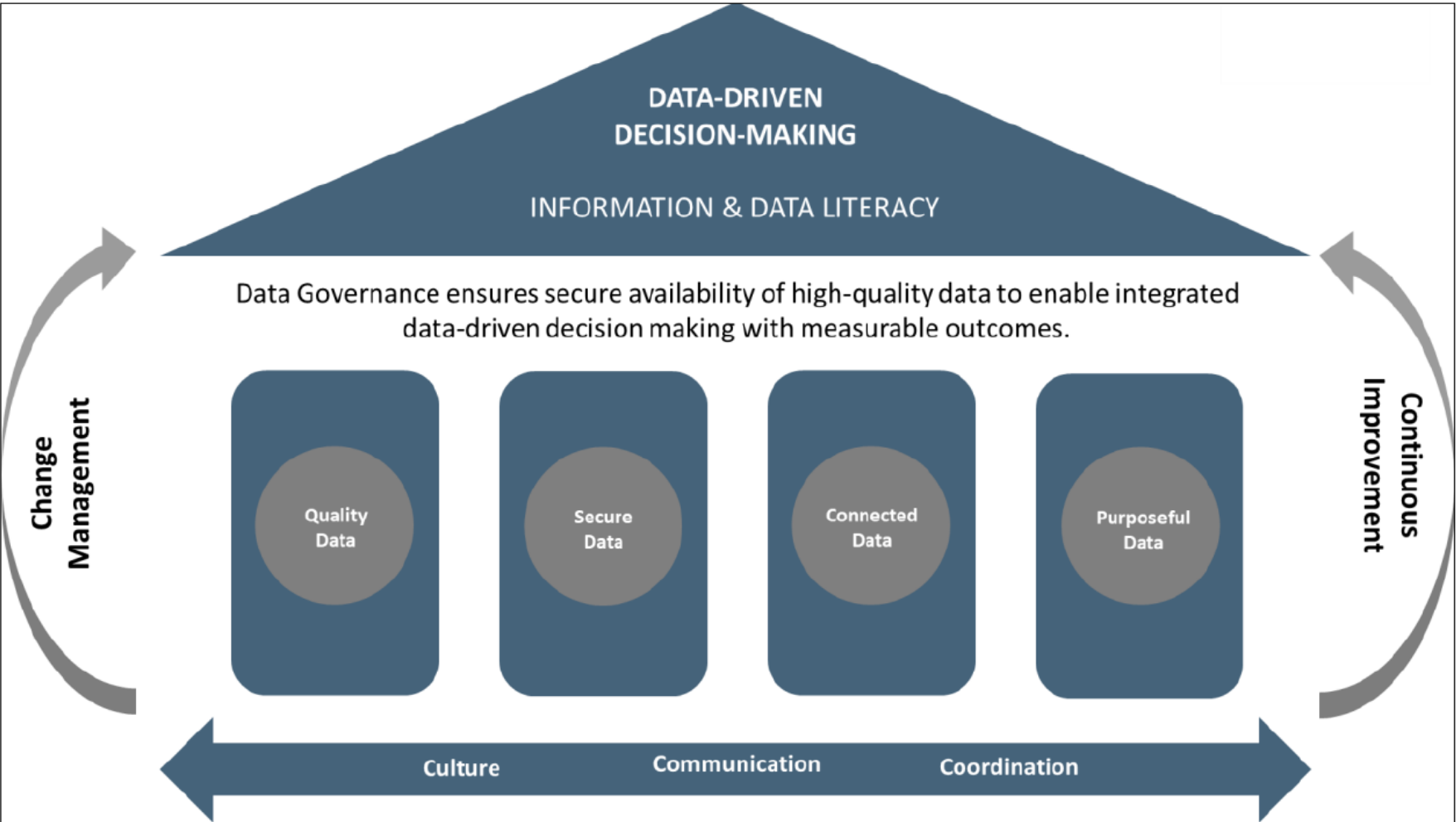
Background and Overview

- The Vermont Health Information Exchange (VHIE) **specializes in exchanging health information** in a secure and robust manner

- **98.9%** of Vermonters share their health records through the HIE

- 1300+ connections of Health Care Organizations **deliver data in real time**

- The HIE serves as a **central health data repository** for data exchange, efficient access to data, and support for stakeholders and use cases.

- Technical components are in place for the HIE, so priorities are shifting to **establishing a robust data governance plan**, defining and communicating roles for data access, optimizing data utility, and ensuring sustainability and scalability
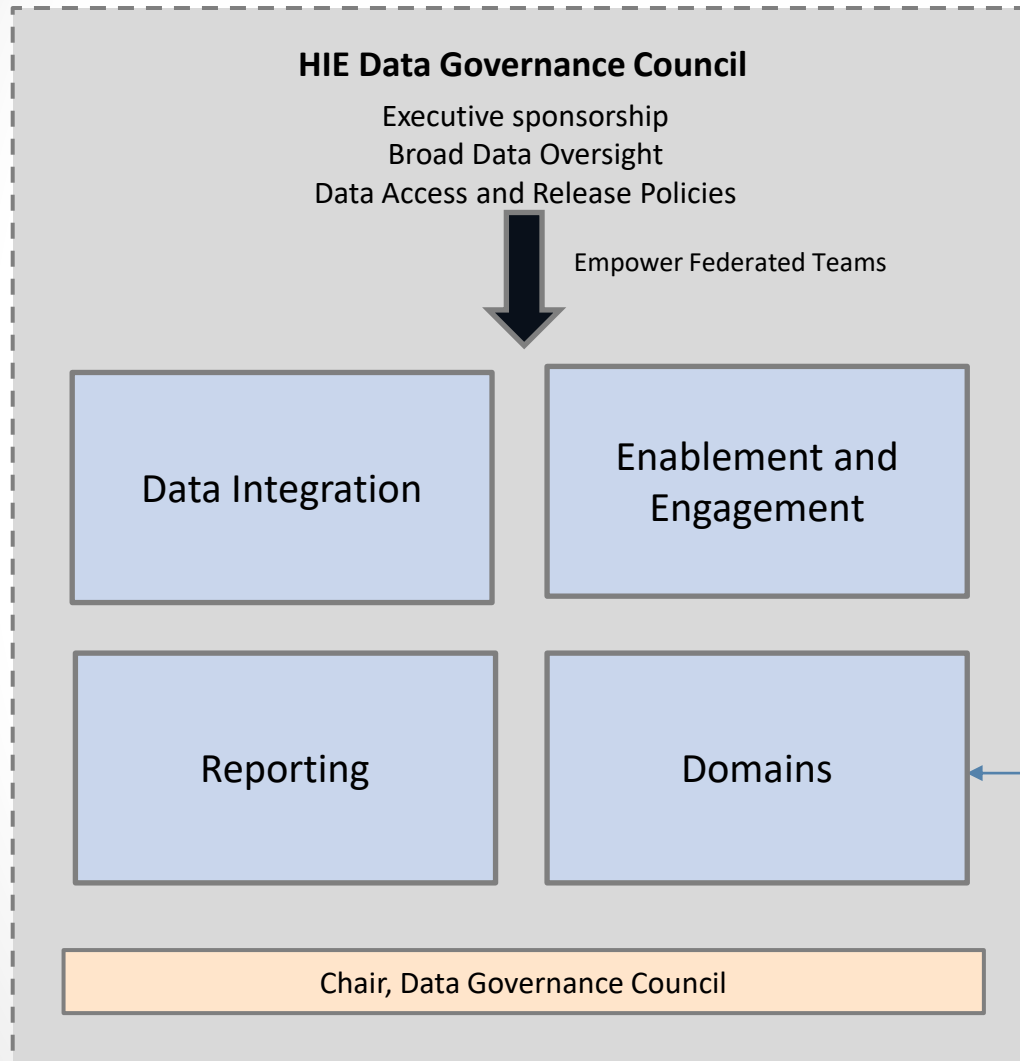
Data Governance

- *What is data governance?*

  "A system of decision rights and accountabilities for information-related processes, executed according to agreed-upon models which describe who can take what actions with what information, and when, under what circumstances, using what methods."

- All pieces of governance are built on the objectives described to the right

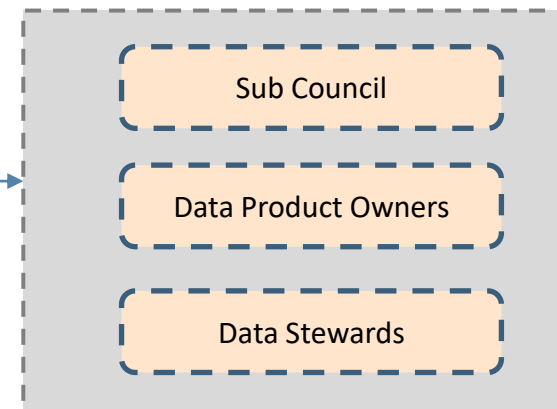- HIE Data Governance Charter: Vermont Health Information Exchange Data Governance | Health Data

Improve care coordination and support care delivery models

Ensure individuals can make informed decisions about their health data

Provide high quality data

HIE Data Governance Objectives

Improve data analytics capacity and reporting

Provide the right data, at the right time, to the right stakeholder

Ensure data is managed with appropriate security and protections

Alignment with federal, state rules and regulations

General Data Governance Framework

Vermont Data Governance Structure

HIE Data Governance Council

Executive sponsorship
Broad Data Oversight
Data Access and Release Policies

Empower Federated Teams

Data Integration	Enablement and Engagement
Reporting	Domains

Chair, Data Governance Council

- The HIE Data Governance Framework takes a domain-focused approach, acknowledging that different types of data require different considerations to ensure compliance with regulations and best practices

- This approach creates different domains that are each accountable to the overarching Data Governance Council

- **42 CFR Part 2 (substance user disorder) data is an example of a domain of data**

Sub Council

Data Product Owners

Data Stewards

Substance Use Disorder Data and HIE

- In 2023, the Part 2, substance use disorder domain is high priority

- Substance use disorder (SUD) data connectivity will enable progress towards the Vermont HIE Plan Strategic Goals

Examples of HIE Plan Strategic Goals fulfilled through SUD data:

Better health outcomes

Example: adding substance use disorder data to existing health data increases opportunities to best serve those struggling with SUD, ultimately resulting in better outcomes for Vermonters and their communities

Improve health care operations

Example: providing connectivity between emergency response and substance use disorder data can improve the delivery of services to those experiencing overdose or other SUD related issues

Part 2 Domain Considerations

- Robust Data Governance programs are designed to ensure secure access to high quality data by detailing the policies and procedures that describe how certain data can be used.

- Data Governance has many best practices and well-defined standards

Data Quality	Data Security	Record Retention/Destruction
Compliance	Consent	Data Access

Part 2 Data Governance Goals

- **Short-term goals** include use of the VHIE for Medicaid payment and operations activities consistent with established payment and quality models, aligned with activities acknowledged by Part 2 rules, e.g.:
    - Quality assessment, improvement initiatives, utilization review
    - Business management activities related to compliance
    - Other payment activities (e.g. determine need for adjustments to payment policies to enhance care)

    See 42 CFR § 2.33 (b)

    This short term goal is limited to AHS access only. AHS will honor HIE opt-out policy.

- **Long-term goals** are currently centered on effective care coordination for individuals with SUD
    - Detailed long-term goals will be dependent upon ongoing rulemaking
    - Moving towards care coordination goals will require the right individual-level data, at the right time, delivered to the right stakeholders that can impact the care and outcomes people with SUD

    This long term goal is to include healthcare providers involved in treatment of patients for care coordination.

Tactical Next Steps

- **Data Governance**

  - Align Part 2 domain goals with overall HIE Data Governance Council goals

  - Conduct high-level overview training for Part 2 data

  - Establish Part 2 Domain Group roles, responsibilities, and objectives

  - Work with Data Domain group to establish the appropriate Part 2 data governance policies and procedures

- **Part 2 Data Sharing with AHS**

  - Short term scope: Develop an implementation plan for Part 2 programs that have both Part 2 and non-Part 2 records to be connected to AHS via HIE

Discussion