

SDOH Data Governance - *Kickoff*

Vermont Health Information Exchange (VHIE)

Prepared for the SDOH Data Governance Group

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Agenda

- Welcome Members
- Data Governance Overview
- HIE Data Governance Framework
 - SDOH Governance & Structure
- Domain Scope
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Data Governance

- *What is data governance?*

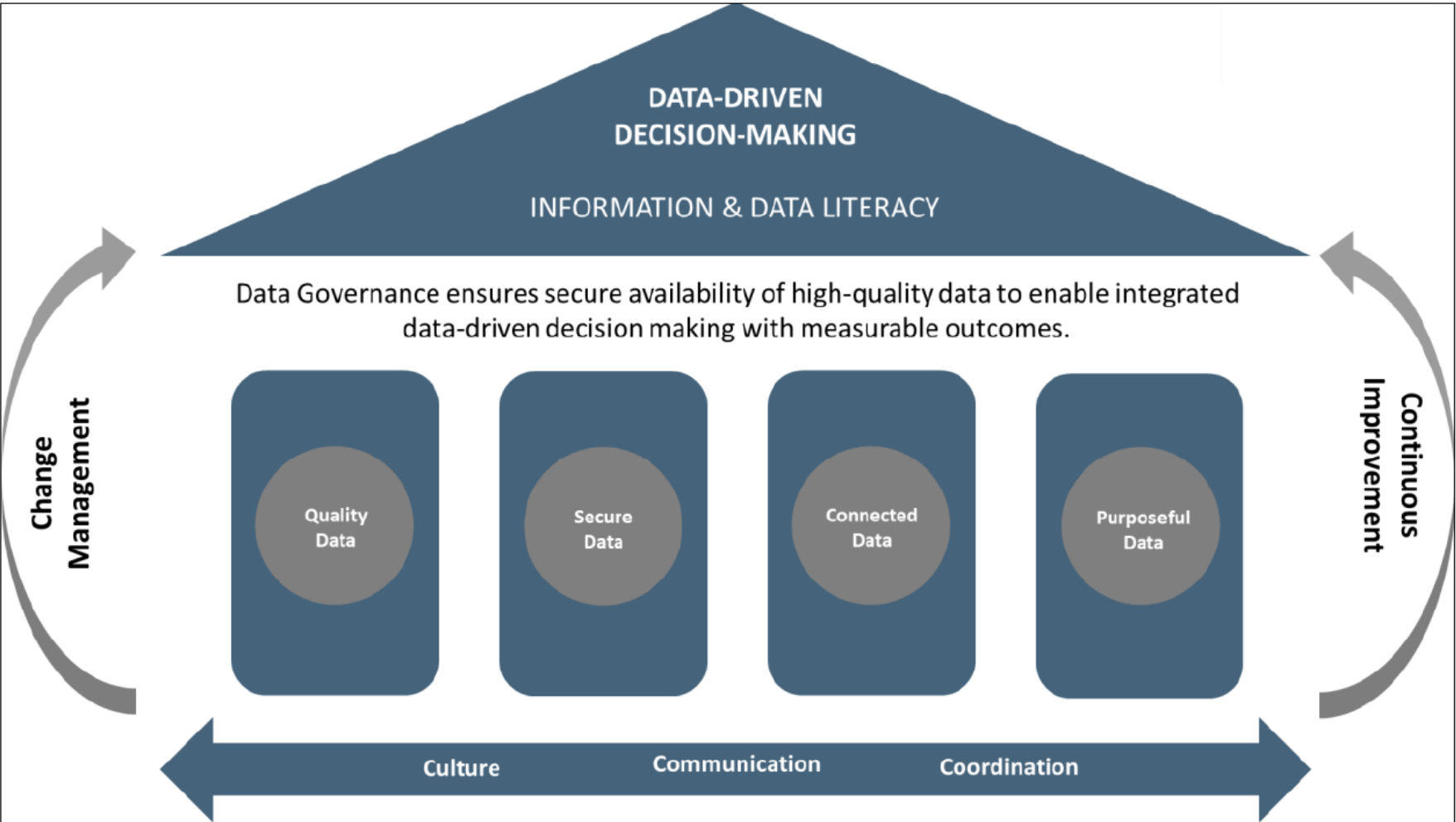
“A system of decision rights and accountabilities for information-related processes, executed according to agreed-upon models which describe who can take what actions with what information, and when, under what circumstances, using what methods.”

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

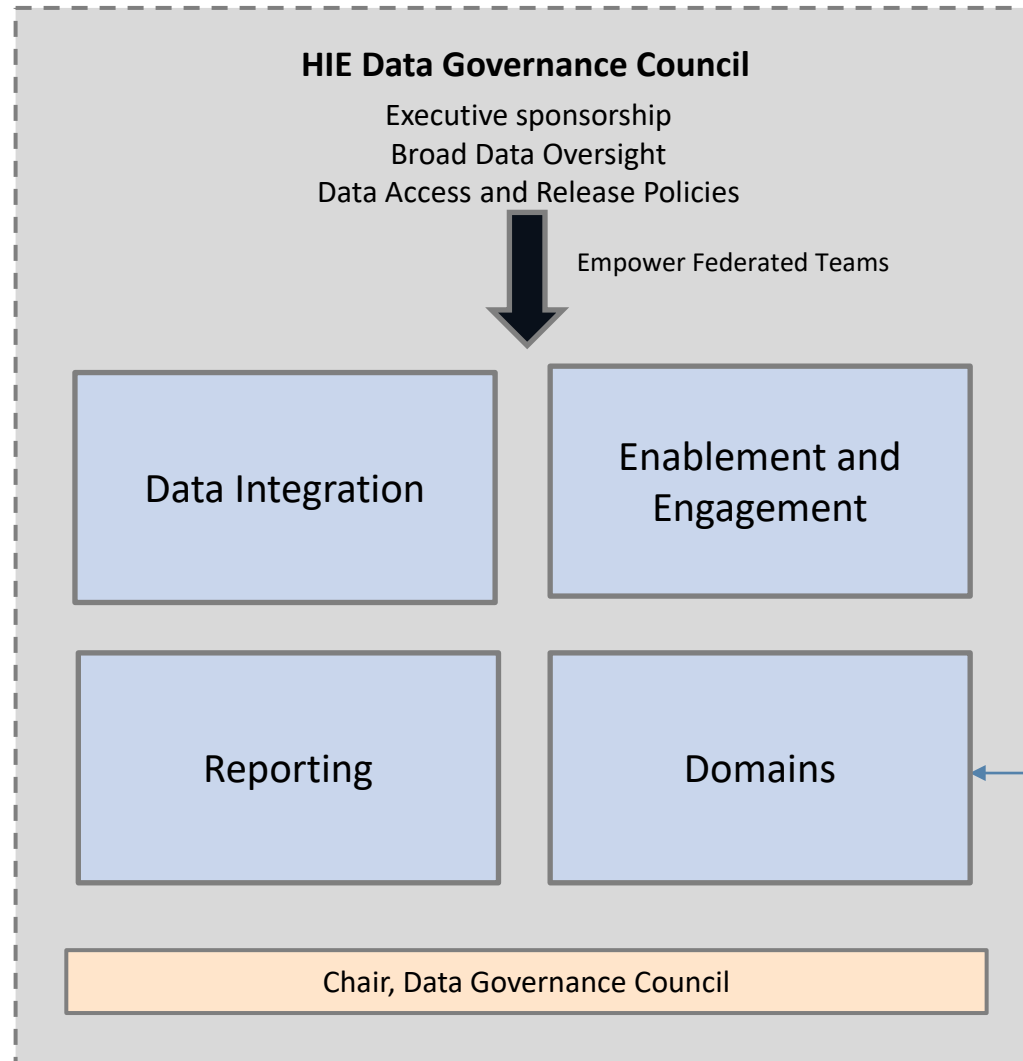
- HIE Data Governance Charter: [Vermont Health Information Exchange Data Governance | Health Data](#)



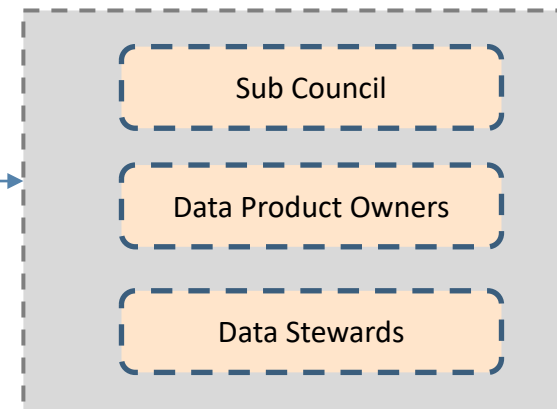
General Data Governance Framework



Vermont Data Governance Structure



- 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
- **SDOH data is an example of a domain of data**



SDOH 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

SDOH Data Governance Domain Scope

- **Domain Scope** is currently centered on social determinants of health screening questions/answers

- Agreed upon standardized SDOH screening questions

<https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/files/worksheets/ahcm-screeningtool.pdf>

- CDC Definition

- **What Are Social Determinants of Health?**

- CDC Definition:

Social determinants of health (SDOH) are the nonmedical factors that influence health outcomes. They are the conditions in which people are born, grow, work, live, and age, and the wider set of forces and systems shaping the conditions of daily life. These forces and systems include economic policies and systems, development agendas, social norms, social policies, racism, climate change, and political systems.

[https://www.cdc.gov/about/sdoh/index.html#:~:text=Social%20determinants%20of%20health%20\(SDOH,the%20conditions%20of%20daily%20life.](https://www.cdc.gov/about/sdoh/index.html#:~:text=Social%20determinants%20of%20health%20(SDOH,the%20conditions%20of%20daily%20life.)

Tactical Next Steps

- **Data Governance**

- Align SDOH domain goals with overall HIE Data Governance Council goals
- Establish SDOH Domain Group roles, responsibilities, and objectives
- Work with Data Domain group to establish the appropriate SDOH data governance policies and procedures

- **Expectations**

- Timeline expectations – agreeing / aligning on SDOH data governance for the screening questions may take this team a few sessions
- What frequency works well for everyone?
 - Weekly/every other week/monthly?
 - Day/Time that works best?

Discussion