HIE Steering Committee Agenda and Meeting Minutes



Committee Name: HIE Steering Committee	Committee Chair: Jenney Samuelson	
 Meeting Goals: 1) Welcome and schedule update 2) HIE Steering Committee Member presentations 	Mtg. Facilitator: Emily Richards Mtg. Recorder: Marie Bernier Where: AHS – WSOC	
3) Wrap-Up	Conference: Cherry Conference Rm/Call in Code:	
	Date: April 17, 2019 Time: 10:30am – 12:30pm	
May contain Confidential/Exempt information	Skype Meeting Information:	

Attendees (Present Bold) Non-Voting Member in Italics					
Name	Title	Name	Title		
Jenney Samuelson, Chair	Deputy Commissioner, DVHA	Simone Rueschemeyer	Executive Director, Vermont Care Network		
Tracy Dolan	Deputy Commissioner, AHS	Michael Smith	VITL, Vermont's Health Information Exchange Operator		
Tyler Gauthier	OneCare Vermont	Beth Tanzman	Executive Director, Blueprint for Health		
Emma Harrigan	Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems	Andrew Laing	Chief Data Officer, ADS		
Linda Leu	Representing a person who engages with the health care system	Emily Richards	Program Director, HIE/HIT		
Georgia Maheras	Bi-State Primary Care Association	Naomi Hahr	Program Manager, HIE/HIT		
Jimmy Mauro	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont	Marie Bernier	Executive Assistant, HIE/HIT		

	Agenda Item	Topic Facilitator	Schedule
١.	Welcome	Richards	10:30
١١.	Consent Policy Update	Richards	10:30 - 10:35
111.	Data Governance	Laing & Richards	10:35 - 11:25
IV.	One Care Vermont	Gauthier	11:30 - 12:00
۷.	Bi-State Primary Care Association Model for Improvement	Maheras, Skeels	12:00 - 12:30

	Agenda Topic	Topic Facilitator	NOTES (notes are provided in italics and blue)	Action Items
١.	Welcome	Richards	The group was welcomed to the fifth meeting. The meeting kicked-off with updates:	

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			 Consent Policy: the General Assembly continues to discuss the policy. The implementation plan that the Committee designed seems to align with the legislature's interests in how a policy of this type would be enacted. Proposed changes made to the draft Charter which will be voted on at the next meeting so any further comments should be emailed to Richards by next Friday, April 25, 2019. Liora Alschuler, Sethi Kanwarpreet (via Skype), and Terry Bequette from Lantana were introduced to the Committee as the new Committee consultants. They are scheduled to present to the group on May 15, 2019, where they will outline the process for drafting the Technical Roadmap, including the stakeholder engagement process. 	
11.		Laine (Dichards	Laing, the State's Chief Data Officer, provided the Committee with a primer on data governance and the specific data governance activities that the State is undertaking at the moment. The presentation was aimed at supporting the Committee's 2019 goal to, "Conduct an assessment of the State's data governance efforts and define the Steering Committee's role in relation to existing work". The presentation elicited a conversation, and Committee member comments included the	The HIE Unit will draft the Steering Committee's role as it relates to data governance for Committee review on May 1. The discussion on this topic will continue through May.
	Data Governance	Laing/Richards	 following: Data Governance is aimed at bolstering an organization – we collect data as an approximation of reality, to support operations in support of a wider organizational mission. Data is in service to executive decision making but is a business function in itself. Data governance has always been in the work force, however, with the current shift in culture, data governance has 	

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	 become a driving factor in the workforce. Having a data governance council allows you to continue the cycle of fact-checking your work and making sure current practices are being utilized in the ever-changing world of technology. The business representation within a data governance effort can be crucial for understanding what data is held and how it can be used as an asset. It's important to loop in leadership on the value of governing data through a formalized data governance effort in service of executive decision making. At this time many data governance effort in service of executive decision making. At this time many data governance it's important to set expectations that data governance is a time intensive, long term process. The essential component is learning as you go to best reflect your organization's needs. Data governance may manifest in various specific streams that all converge to support broader organization goals. The very existence of data governance allows you to be agile in your use of data. Laing posed questions the Committee to stimulate conversation around the HIE Steering Committee's role as it relates to data governance. What are the Data Governance responsibilities and functions should the HIE Steering Committee require or encourage from its partners and stakeholders? It is important to outline the conflicts and identify if and where that could slow the work down
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			 What is the Committee's authority to influence/act? How does the Committee understand stakeholder interests and responsibilities and facilitate appropriate communication and collaboration for best shared interests? Stakeholders share common challenges in Vermont in terms of HIE, which could present an opportunity for the Committee to lay the groundwork for putting policies and practices into action. Having underling procedures already in place is imperative to implement such policies. 	
111.	OneCare	Tyler Gauthier, Katelyn Muir	OneCare (presentation <u>here</u>), Vermont's Accountable Care Organization, presented the Committee with their current data and technical structures. OneCare uses their HIT infrastructure to aggregate and analyze data in service of the providers and patients in their network. For instance, they offer a unique look at data to help elucidate and close the gaps between patient and practitioner such that through targeted analysis and patient trends they can see what treatment plan is really impacting a patient's health. They can also use health data to help health care organizations understand how they are preforming in a risk/measure-based contract, specifically as it relates to other like providers or service areas. OneCare discussed data and HIT related challenges including lack of standardization across data aggregation and claims systems, and not having access to usable mental health and substance abuse data.	
IV.	Bi-State	Georgia Maheras & Heather Skeels	Bi-State (presentation found <u>here</u>) presented to the Committee on their role in supporting Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) in using a model of health-IT and training & technical assistance to align health care initiatives and enable practices to use data for quality improvement and decision making.	

			 Bi-State explained the various reporting required of FQHCs and how they work to streamline and simplify that reporting for each health center. They also walked through their comprehensive health literacy and training & technical assistance model which includes hands on and webinar support and use of QlikSense – a business intelligence tool that visualizes data to allow practices to better understand impacts of interventions, trends, and related costs of care. Bi-State discussed challenges in HIE, noting many are experienced across the system, such as software adoption and standardization of data. 	
V.	Wrap-up	Emily Richards	The Committee is invited to a presentation on March 8 th from Nick Macchione, San Diego HHS, on the Connect Well San Diego Initiative (time will likely be 8-11am) May 1 Committee presentations: Blueprint for Health Program and the GMCB on VHCURES	Homework: Review Charter, come prepared to vote on May 1