



**VT Health Care Innovation Project**  
**Quality & Performance Measures Work Group Meeting Minutes**  
**Pending Work Group Approval**

**Date of meeting:** December 22, 2014, 10:00 am-12 pm, 4th Floor Conf. Room, Pavilion Building, Montpelier.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
<b>1. Welcome and Introductions; Approval of Minutes</b>	<p>Cathy Fulton called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. Pat Jones took a roll call of attendees.</p> <p>The group reviewed minutes from November 24, 2014. Heather Skeels moved to approve the November minutes pending adding the last name for Christina Choquette from VITL and adding the comment deadline for the Gate and Ladder methodology was not noted in the minutes- the group confirmed the deadline was November 28, 2014. Vicki Loner seconded the motion pending the changes.</p> <p>If others would like to submit comments before the Payment Models meeting they may do so but the official comment period has passed.</p> <p>A roll call vote was taken. Jaskanwar Batra and Paul Harrington abstained. The motion passed.</p>	<p><b>The minutes will be updated and posted to the VHCIP website.</b></p>
<b>2. Updates</b>	<p>1. VHCIP Work Group Participation Guidelines.</p> <p>Pat Jones noted the new attendance policy: the goal is to have organizations well represented. If a current member is not able to attend at least 50% of the meetings in a year and miss no more than three meetings in a row they will be moved to “interested party” status. Organizations are welcome to also name a member alternate.</p> <p>The group discussed disappointment with the recommendations made from the QPM work group which went to Core Team without being voted on by the Steering Committee, noting there was tremendous effort from the QPM Work Group, though not all the recommendations were adopted.</p>	<p><b>A formal email communication will be sent regarding this information.</b></p>

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	<p>2. Work Group Work Plans: the VHCIP Project Management team is working with all the work groups to thoroughly analyze the work plans and ensure cross-fertilization of the work happening in all work groups.</p>	
<p><b>3. Targets and Benchmarks for Year 2 ACO Payment Measures</b></p>	<p>Pat reviewed attachment 3a and 3b to discuss the request for input from the Payment Models work group on targets and benchmarks for year 2 ACO Payment Measures.</p> <p>Paul Harrington moved to approve recommendations on page 8 of attachment 3b as a recommendation to the Payment Models work group. Joyce Gallimore seconded the motion.</p> <p>The group discussed the proposed points system at length.</p> <p>Background on the points system: In order for each measure to have equal weight a maximum of three points was decided.</p> <p>Under HEDIS benchmarks: if an ACO was at the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile and drops to 50<sup>th</sup> percentile they can still receive a point. The Gate and Ladder methodology is where the rewards are determined.</p> <p>Awarding only 2 points “Statistically the same”- could potentially be punishing an already high performing ACO. Pat reminded the group that some of the measures selected where those where there were opportunities for improvement. Is there something the group could consider incentivizing those high performing ACOs? If ACOs are performing high for most measures which are based on a percentile (HEDIS), only 3 or so that are based on improvement.</p> <p>7 out of 10 Medicaid measures are based on HEDIS benchmarks. If ACOs are doing very well on all measures they will receive the savings.</p> <p>At this time we don’t know if there are ACOs that will meet the gate, or if they will improve in year 2 if they haven’t met the gate.</p> <p>These are the points systems that are being used in year 1; we may not want to change the system right now since we don’t have information for year 1.</p> <p>The points system was designed to ensure quality, with potential cost savings. Maintaining high performance is a challenge and it should be rewarded (as in with 2 points).</p>	

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	A roll call vote was taken. Lila Richardson and Julia Shaw voted against the motion. LaRae Francis abstained and the motion carried.	
<b>6. Next Steps, Wrap up, and Future Meeting Schedule</b>	<b>Next meeting:</b> January 16, 2015 9 -11 am, DVHA Large Conference Room, 312 Hurricane Lane, Williston.	

**VHCIP QPM Work Group Member List**

**Roll Call:** 12/22/2014

*Passed* *Passed*

*Minutes*

Member		Member Alternate		Minutes	Yr 2 Comm & Medicaid Targets and Benchmarks	Organization
First Name	Last Name					
<i>y</i> ✓ Susan	Aranoff	<i>y</i> Patricia	Cummings			AHS - DAIL
<i>y</i> ✓ Jaskanwar	Batra	<i>y</i> Kathleen	Hentcy			AHS - DMH
<i>y</i> ✓ Catherine	Burns	<i>y</i>				HowardCenter for Mental Health
Deb	Chambers	Joe	Smith			MVP Health Care
Connie	Colman					Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice
Yvonne	DePalma					Planned Parenthood of Northern New England
<i>y</i> ✓ Rick	Dooley	<i>y</i> Paul	Reiss			Accountable Care Coalition of the Green Mountains
Judith	Franz					Vermont Information Technology Leaders
<i>y</i> ✓ Aaron	French	<i>y</i> Cynthia	Thomas			AHS - DVHA
<i>y</i> ✓ Catherine	Fulton	<i>y</i>				Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care
<i>y</i> ✓ Joyce	Gallimore	<i>y</i> Kate	Simmons			CHAC
<i>y</i> ✓ Paul	Harrington	<i>y</i>				Vermont Medical Society
<i>y</i> ✓ Pat	Jones	<i>y</i> Richard	Slusky			GMCB

*y = yes A = abstain*

y ph ✓  
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 y ph ✓

Heidi	Klein	y	Robin	Edelman		AHS - VDH
Diane	Leach	y				Northwestern Medical Center
Vicki	Loner	y	Norm	Ward		OneCare Vermont
Anna	Noonan					Jeffords Institute for Quality, FAHC
Laura	Pelosi	y				Vermont Health Care Association
Paul	Reiss					Accountable Care Coalition of the Green Mountains
Lila	Richardson	N	Julia	Shaw		VLA/Health Care Advocate Project
Rachel	Seelig	N	Julia	Shaw		VLA/Senior Citizens Law Project
Shawn	Skaflstad	y				AHS - Central Office
Heather	Skeels	y	Patricia	Launer		Bi-State Primary Care
Jennifer	Stratton					Lamoille County Mental Health Services
Monica	Weeber					AHS - DOC
Robert	Wheeler		Teresa	Voci		Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont
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Kim McClellan  
 Northwestern Counseling

# VHCIP QPM Work Group Participant List

Attendance:

12/22/2014

C	Chair
IC	Interim Chair
M	Member
MA	Member Alternate
A	Assistant
S	Staff/Consultant
X	Interested Party

First Name	Last Name		Organization	QPM
Peter	Albert		Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont	X
April	Allen		AHS - DCF	X
Susan	Aranoff	<i>Smart</i>	AHS-DAIL	M
Bill	Ashe		Upper Valley Services	X
Ena	Backus		GMCB	X
Melissa	Bailey	<i>Melissa Bailey</i>	<i>VT Care Partners</i>	X
Michael	Bailit		SOV Consultant - Bailit-Health Purchasing	S
Susan	Barrett		GMCB	X

Jaskanwar	Batra	<i>Jaskanwar</i>	AHS - DMH	M
Charlie	Biss		AHS - Central Office - IFS	X
Catherine	Burns	<i>Deb Burns</i>	HowardCenter for Mental Health	M
Deb	Chambers		MVP Health Care	M
Joshua	Cheney		VITL	A
Amanda	Ciecior	<i>U U</i>	AHS - DVHA	S
Peter	Cobb		VNAs of Vermont	X
Connie	Colman		Central Vermont Home Health and Hospice	M
Amy	Coonradt	<i>Amy Coonradt</i>	AHS - DVHA	S
Amy	Cooper		Accountable Care Coalition of the Green Mountains	X
Alicia	Cooper	<i>Alicia Cooper</i>	AHS - DVHA	S
Janet	Corrigan		Dartmouth-Hitchcock	X
Patricia	Cummings	<i>Patricia Cummings</i>	AHS-DAIL	MA
Jude	Daye		Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont	A
Yvonne	DePalma		Planned Parenthood of Northern New England	M
Rick	Dooley	<i>Rick Dooley</i>	Accountable Care Coalition of the Green Mountains	M
Rick	Dooley			X

Robin	Edelman		AHS - VDH	MA
LaRae	Francis	<i>Phone</i>	Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont	MA
Judith	Franz		VITL	M
Aaron	French	<i>Phone</i>	AHS - DVHA	M
Catherine	Fulton	<i>here</i>	Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care	C/M
Joyce	Gallimore	<i>Phone</i>	Bi-State Primary Care/CHAC	M
Lucie	Garand		Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC	X
Christine	Geiler		GMCB	S
Bryan	Hallett		GMCB	S
Paul	Harrington	<i>PLH</i>	Vermont Medical Society	M
Kathleen	Hentcy		AHS - DMH	MA
Bard	Hill		AHS - DAIL	X
Craig	Jones		AHS - DVHA - Blueprint	X
Pat	Jones	<i>here</i>	GMCB	S/M
Joelle	Judge	<i>here</i>	UMASS	S
Frances	Keeler		AHS - DAIL	X
Sarah	Kinsler	<i>here</i>		S

Heidi	Klein	None	AHS - VDH	M
Kelly	Lange		Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont	X
Patricia	Launer		Bi-State Primary Care	MA
Diane	Leach		Northwestern Medical Center	M
Deborah	Lisi-Baker		Unknown	X
Vicki	Loner	None	OneCare Vermont	M
Nicole	Lukas		AHS - VDH	X
Georgia	Maheras		AOA	S
Mike	Maslack			X
Kim	McClellan	Kim McClellan	Northwest Counseling and Support Services	X
Darcy	McPherson		AHS - DVHA	X
Jessica	Mendizabal	None	AHS - DVHA	S
Robin	Miller		AHS - VDH	X
Anna	Noonan		Jeffords Institute for Quality, FAHC	M
Annie	Paumgarten	None Paumgarten	GMCB	S
Laura	Pelosi	None	Vermont Health Care Association	C/M
Luann	Poirer		AHS - DVHA	S

Betty	Rambur		GMCB	X
Allan	Ramsay		GMCB	X
Paul	Reiss		Accountable Care Coalition of the Green Mountains	MA
Lila	Richardson	<i>none</i>	VLA/Health Care Advocate Project	M
Jenney	Samuelson		AHS - DVHA - Blueprint	X
Ken	Schatz		AHS - DCF	X
Rachel	Seelig		VLA/Senior Citizens Law Project	M
Julia	Shaw	<i>none</i>	VLA/Health Care Advocate Project	MA
Kate	Simmons		Bi-State Primary Care/CHAC	MA
Colleen	Sinon		Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital	X
Shawn	Skaflstad	<i>none</i>	AHS - Central Office	M
Heather	Skeels	<i>[Signature]</i>	Bi-State Primary Care	M
Richard	Slusky		GMCB	S/ MA
Joe	Smith		MVP Health Care	MA
Jennifer	Stratton		Lamoille County Mental Health Services	M
Kara	Suter		AHS - DVHA	S
Julie	Tessler		Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services	X

Cynthia	Thomas		AHS - DVHA	MA
Win	Turner			X
Teresa	Voci		Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont	MA
Nathaniel	Waite		VDH	X
Anya	Wallack		SIM Core Team Chair	S
Marlys	Waller		Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services	S
Norm	Ward		OneCare Vermont	MA
Julie	Wasserman	<i>WV</i>	AHS - Central Office	S
Monica	Weeber		AHS - DOC	M
Kendall	West			X
Robert	Wheeler		Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont	M
Bradley	Wilhelm		AHS - DVHA	S
Cecelia	Wu	<i>[Signature]</i>	AHS - DVHA	S
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