

Vermont Health Care Innovation Project
2016 DLTSS Work Group Workplan



	VHCIP Objectives	Work Group Supporting Activities	Target Date	Endorsements/ Dependencies	Approving Entities	Status of Activity	Measures of Success
Quality and Performance							
1	Provide input on quality and performance related to SIM and other relevant activities.	Continue to develop the DLTSS sub-analysis of Medicaid and Commercial ACO SSP quality and performance measures. Presentation of Year 1 and Year 2 results to the DLTSS Work Group.	April 2016 and November 2016			In progress.	Input on quality and performance measures related to SIM payment models provided, as appropriate.
2		Provide input to Payment Models Work Group on performance measures for Episodes of Care initiative.	Q1 2016			Not yet started.	
3		Research and discuss the emerging body of HCBS/LTSS quality and performance measures to provide input for payment and practice reform efforts.					
4		Disseminate information to Practice Transformation and HDI Work Groups and Steering on sample templates/tools on privacy, confidentiality and HIPAA compliant releases for care management. Provide information to support fully accessible tools and processes.					
DLTSS-Specific Core Competencies							
5	Support continued distribution of Disability Awareness Briefs.	Develop and implement a dissemination plan for the Disability Awareness Briefs.	Ongoing			In progress.	Disability Awareness Briefs distributed widely; lessons learned gathered.
6		Collect lessons learned for incorporation into VHCIP Sustainability Plan.	December 2016			Not yet started.	
7	Support development of Core Competency Training specific to DLTSS core competencies.	Execute contract with vendors to develop both general skills based and DLTSS-specific Core Competency Trainings.	January 2016	Core Competency Training initiatives developed and implemented in collaboration with Practice Transformation Work Group.		In progress.	DLTSS-specific Core Competency Training developed and implemented.
8		Assist in the planning, implementation, and monitoring of Core Competency Trainings both within and beyond the Integrated Communities Care Management Learning Collaborative.	Ongoing			Not yet started.	
9		Presentation to Practice Transformation Work Group on DLTSS-specific Core Competency Training.	Spring 2016			Not yet started.	
10		Ensure sample templates/tools on privacy, confidentiality and HIPAA compliant releases for care management are adequately disseminated for use in SIM sponsored activities.	Ongoing			Not yet started.	

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Payment Models							
11	Review current and planned payment methodologies and, as appropriate, recommend payment methodologies to encourage integration between DLTSS, acute care, and population health.	Develop and propose possible new payment models that reimburse for DLTSS-specific population outcomes. Make recommendations regarding implementation, as appropriate.	April 2016			Not yet started.	Payment models reviewed and recommendations developed to encourage integration between DLTSS, acute care, and population health.
12		Receive presentations on current and possible future use of flexible funds within Medicaid to prevent unnecessary hospitalizations, ER visits, and nursing home admissions, and to promote appropriate use of medications, as well as funding other social safety net services.	April 2016			Not yet started.	
13		Recommend payment methodologies that incentivize providers to bridge the service delivery gap between acute/medical care and long-term services and supports.	July 2016			Not yet started.	
14		Collaborate with Population Health Work Group to develop policy, plans, and strategies to create a viable financial model that supports the development of the Accountable Communities for Health plan.	September 2016			Not yet started.	
15		Provide input to Population Health Work Group as the group develops recommendations on potential links between prevention financing and payment models.	Q2 and Q3 2016			Not yet started.	
16		Identify barriers and develop strategies to address them in Medicare, Medicaid, and commercial coverage and payment policies for people needing DLTSS services (e.g., DME approval process and coverage; curative and hospice benefits; commercial coverage for attendant care; coverage of medical and mental health services in nursing homes to reduce hospital admissions and improve outcomes). Make recommendations for implementation.	Ongoing			Ongoing.	
Health Data Infrastructure							
17	Provide recommendations on DLTSS technical and IT needs	Monitor the expansion of health information exchange capabilities for DLTSS and other known “non-meaningful use” providers.	Ongoing			Ongoing.	Recommendations provided as appropriate.
18		As requested, work with the HDI Work Group to support the funding recommendation to provide improved VHIE access for Home Health Agencies and Area Agencies on Aging.	Ongoing			Ongoing.	
19		As requested, work with the HDI Work Group on the procurement and implementation of Uniform Transfer Protocol and Shared Care Plan solutions.	Ongoing			Ongoing.	

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Sub-Grant Program							
20	Receive regular updates on Sub-Grant program activities of interest.	Receive regular updates on sub-grantee activities, progress, and lessons learned, as requested by Work Group members.	Ongoing			Ongoing.	
Ongoing Updates, Education, and Collaboration							
21	Review 2016 DLSS Work Group Work Plan.	Review and discuss draft workplan.	January 2016			Not yet started.	Work plan finalized.
22	Coordinate and collaborate with other VHCIP Work Groups, the Steering Committee and Core Team on issues of interest.	Identify activities of interest and establish mechanisms for regular coordination and communication with other work groups. Projects of interest include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All-Payer Model • Consolidation of ACOs • Next Generation ACO Model • Medicaid Shared Savings analyses • St. Johnsbury Pilot • Prospective Payment initiatives for Home Health and the DAs • Uniform Transfer Protocol • Shared Care Plans • Event Notification System • Frail Elders project • Workforce Demand Model Recommendations • Workforce Strategic Plan • Population Health Plan 	Ongoing	Coordinate to identify activities of interest and establish regular communication (Other VHCIP Work Groups).		Mechanisms established for monthly co-chair meetings and work group reports to Steering Committee.	Well-coordinated and aligned activities across VHCIP.
23		Provide updates to other work groups on DLSS Work Group activities.	Ongoing			Not yet started.	
24		Obtain regular updates from other work groups.	Quarterly	Obtain regular updates on work groups' progress as appropriate.		Not yet started.	
25	Provide input into VHCIP Population Health Plan and Sustainability Plan.	Review and comment on VHCIP Population Health Plan Draft.	Late 2016			Not yet started.	Work Group input incorporated into VHCIP Population Health and Sustainability Plans.
26		Review and comment on VHCIP Sustainability Plan Draft.	Late 2016			Not yet started.	
27	Contribute to VHCIP Webinar Series.	Contribute topic, speaker, and moderator suggestions for VHCIP's optional monthly educational webinars for staff and participants.	Monthly			Not yet started.	Twelve webinars conducted on staff- and participant-developed topics.