

**Vermont Health Care Innovation Project  
DLTSS Work Group Meeting Minutes**

**Pending Work Group Approval**

**Date of meeting:** Thursday, January 21, 2016, 10:00am-12:30pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Pavilion Building, 109 State Street, Montpelier.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
<b>1. Welcome, Approval of Minutes</b>	Deborah Lisi-Baker called the meeting to order at 10:10am. A roll call attendance was taken and a quorum was not present.	
<b>2. VHCIP 2015 Year in Review</b>	<p>Georgia Maheras presented on VHCIP accomplishments in 2015, and planned activities for 2016 (Attachment 2).</p> <p>The group discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transition to all-payer model will be critical, as will sustainability for new models.</li> </ul>	
<b>3. VHCIP 2016 Draft Workplans</b>	<p>Deborah Lisi-Baker and Sarah Kinsler presented the 2016 workplans for the DLTSS, Payment Model Design and Implementation, Practice Transformation, and Health Data Infrastructure Work Groups (Attachments 3a-3d).</p> <p>The group discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jackie Majoros asked how this group will be able to provide input into the all-payer model. Georgia Maheras replied that we have a variety of opportunities and channels to provide feedback and input on the all-payer model, including public comment at GMCB, and less formal conversations with Secretaries, Commissioners, and others. Julie Tessler suggested All Payer Model presentations directly to this group would strengthen the process and take advantage of the great knowledge at the table. Sam Liss concurred.</li> <li>• Deborah Lisi-Baker noted that because this group is now meeting quarterly, we will continue to do a significant amount of work on our own and supported by Pacific Health Policy Group (PHPG) between meetings. She invited members to participate in this work.</li> <li>• Joy Chilton suggested aligning the workplan activities and timeline with the all-payer model timeline. Deborah replied that we don't know that timeline yet, but that we are trying to do that, and requested that members share information as appropriate. Julie Tessler offered to share what her organization has developed, and suggested talking with leaders from the DA/SSA/AAA organizations and others who are active in this area.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dale Hackett commented to focus on the individual receiving services is the most critical factor. Deborah Lisi-Baker suggested this be a key research question to guide our work this year.</li> <li>• Susan Aranoff noted that the Payment Models Work Group is interested in how DLTSS services are funded, and invited members to provide input on topics. Julie Tessler will share a presentation on DA financing.</li> </ul>	
<b>4. DLTSS Data Gap Remediation Funding Request</b>	<p>Susan Aranoff provided an update on the DLTSS Data Gap Remediation Funding Request.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Health Data Infrastructure Work Group strongly supported the DLTSS Data Gap Remediation proposal. The Steering Committee also voted unanimously to support this work and move it forward to Core Team, along with a proposal for continued work with the DAs and SSAs.</li> <li>• Sue is currently working with Home Health Agency and Area Agency on Aging provider organizations and VITL to develop a more detailed budget and project plan. Provider response has been very positive thus far. A key issue is whether SIM funds can be used to support interface build-out on the provider-side, or whether providers will need to fund that work themselves. Sue noted that this can be very expensive, depending on the provider’s EHR vendor. Another key issue is whether the Area Agencies on Aging can be connected to the VHIE, given that they are not strictly medical providers.</li> </ul>	
<b>5. Unified Community Collaboratives and Blueprint for Health Payments</b>	<p>Jenney Samuelson presented on the Unified Community Collaboratives (UCCs) and Blueprint for Health payment changes (Attachments 5a and 5b).</p> <p>The group discussed the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Aranoff asked how UCCs are working on socioeconomic determinant issues. Jenney provided an example from the Burlington area, where the hospital and United Way are working together on housing. The hospital was struggling to discharge people not because they needed continued acute care, but because of lack of housing. These organizations worked with Champlain Housing Trust and Howard Mental Health to provide supportive housing beds to allow for discharge from the hospital. Morrisville is also working on transportation issues.</li> <li>• Sam Liss asked about focus on employment needs. Jenney replied that there is not an example of this yet, but that she expects it to emerge in the coming months as UCCs mature. She also noted that Medicare and Medicaid are starting to think about employment assistance.</li> <li>• Dale Hackett asked how this group balances non-medical needs that impact health with funding requests. Jenney noted that this is an ongoing challenge but that communities are increasingly creative in finding funding to support their work. In Burlington, funds came from the hospital and the housing trust.</li> <li>• Deborah Lisi-Baker asked about UCCs’ focus on adults vs. pediatric populations. Jenney noted that UCCs and their focus areas are evolving. Many are currently focusing on individuals with high patterns of utilization, which are often adults; however, Integrated Family Services is also of great interest in many communities. Dale Hackett noted that adolescents are also a key group. Jenney commented the Blueprint payment changes include measures specific to adolescent well-child visit, which provides an opportunity to increase screening rates for adolescents as well as to improve screening quality across health service areas (HSAs).</li> <li>• Dave Yacovone asked how the Blueprint tracks the amount of money distributed in incentive payments versus</li> </ul>	

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	<p>the amount being reinvested in community support. Jenney replied that the Blueprint does not track reinvestment. She also noted that analytics have shown that savings from the Blueprint are greater for commercial insurers than Medicaid – though savings from medical services were similar, Medicaid support services (like transportation and community-based services) were staying flat or increasing. Dave noted that aging populations aren't a focus in the new payment system. Jenney noted that this is a transitional year as we look ahead to the all-payer model.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UCCs are meant to pull together the regional Blueprint and ACO governance structures to avoid duplication and increase coordination and alignment. The Blueprint Community Health Teams continue to operate and support communities in providing care; UCCs build on this to perform cross-organization quality improvement projects under the guidance of a leadership team. While some UCCs have consumer representatives now, not all are ready yet. UCCs are also working to develop charters which document their governance and decision-making processes. Charters are locally-developed and housed at the local level.</li> <li>• Sam Liss asked Jenney whether UCCs are distinguishing between person-centered and person-directed care. Jenney replied that there is a growing understanding of this</li> </ul>	
<p><b>6. Updates/Next Steps</b></p>	<p><i>HIPAA-Compliant Releases, Privacy, and Confidentiality (Gabe Epstein):</i> Gabe presented briefly on this topic to the Practice Transformation Work Group in January and will present again in February. He was invited to talk with the St. Johnsbury community about HIPAA compliant releases, privacy and confidentiality issues within their Integrated Communities Care Management Learning Collaborative process; and has met with representatives from DMH on this topic. Gabe will also be presenting a webinar for the other Learning Collaborative teams later in January.</p> <p><i>Learning Collaborative Core Competency Trainings (Erin Flynn):</i> Contractors to support this work have been selected, and negotiations are in progress. Erin will have more updates at the Practice Transformation Work Group in February, and for this group in April. The trainings will run through 2016, with over 30 training opportunities in general care management and DLSS-specific competencies. There will also be advanced care management training and training for supervisors available, and train-the-trainer opportunities for a subset of participants. Erin also invited members of this group to share information about the trainings with their networks.</p> <p><i>DLSS Payment Reform Efforts (Deborah Lisi-Baker):</i> Work Group leadership will be working with PHPG, the Payment Models Work Group, and State staff to support ongoing work and analyses in this area.</p>	
<p><b>7. Public Comment/Next Steps</b></p>	<p><b>Next Meeting:</b> Thursday, April 7, 2016, 10:00am-12:30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Susan Aranoff introduced Dave Yacovone, former legislator, DAIL and DCF Commissioner, AHS Deputy Secretary, and now DAIL Dir. of Aging.</li> </ul>	

# VHCIP DLSS Work Group Member List

Roll Call: **1/21/2016**

Member		Member Alternate		December Minutes	
First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name		Organization
Susan	Aranoff ✓				AHS - DAIL
<del>Debbie</del> Jenney ✓	<del>Austin</del> Samuelson ✓	Craig	Jones		AHS - DVHA
Molly	Dugan ✓				Cathedral Square and SASH Program
Patrick	Flood				CHAC
Mary	Fredette ✓				The Gathering Place
Joyce	Gallimore ✓				Bi-State Primary Care
Martita	Giard ✓	Susan	Shane ✓		OneCare Vermont
<del>Larry</del> Peter ✓	<del>Goetschius</del> Cobb ✓	Joy	Chilton ✓		Home Health and Hospice
Dale	Hackett ✓				None
Mike	Hall ✓	Angela	Smith-Dieng ✓		Champlain Valley Area Agency on Aging
Jeanne	Hutchins				UVM Center on Aging
Pat	Jones ✓	Richard	Slusky		GMCB
Dion	LaShay ✓				Consumer Representative
Deborah	Lisi-Baker ✓				SOV - Consultant
Sam	Liss ✓				Statewide Independent Living Council
Jackie	Majoros ✓	Barbara	Prine		VLA/Disability Law Project
Carol	Maroni				Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley
Madeleine	Mongan				Vermont Medical Society
Kirsten	Murphy				Developmental Disabilities Council
Nick	Nichols				AHS - DMH
Ed	Paquin				Disability Rights Vermont
Laura	Pelosi				Vermont Health Care Association
Eileen	Peltier				Central Vermont Community Land Trust
Judy	Peterson				Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties
Paul	Reiss ✓	Amy	Cooper		Accountable Care Coalition of the Green Mountains
Rachel	Seelig ✓	Trinka	Kerr		VLA/Senior Citizens Law Project
Julie	Tessler ✓	Marlys	Waller		DA - Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services
Nancy	Warner ✓	Mike	Hall		COVE
Julie	Wasserman ✓				AHS - Central Office
Jason	Williams				UVM Medical Center
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# VHCIP DLTSS Work Group Participant List

Attendance:

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

First Name	Last Name		Organization	DLTSS
Susan	Aranoff	<i>here</i>	AHS - DAIL	S/M
Debbie	Austin		AHS - DVHA	M
Ena	Backus		GMCB	X
Susan	Barrett		GMCB	X
Bob	Bick		DA - HowardCenter for Mental Health	X
Denise	Carpenter		Specialized Community Care	X
Alysia	Chapman		DA - HowardCenter for Mental Health	X
Joy	Chilton	<i>phone here</i>	Home Health and Hospice	MA
Amanda	Ciecior	<i>here</i>	AHS - DVHA	S
Peter	Cobb		VNAs of Vermont	X
Amy	Coonradt		AHS - DVHA	S
Amy	Cooper		Accountable Care Coalition of the Green Mountains	MA
Alicia	Cooper		AHS - DVHA	S
Molly	Dugan	<i>phone here</i>	Cathedral Square and SASH Program	M
Gabe	Epstein	<i>here</i>	AHS - DAIL	S
Patrick	Flood		CHAC	M

Erin	Flynn	here	AHS - DVHA	S
Mary	Fredette		The Gathering Place	M
Joyce	Gallimore	phone	Bi-State Primary Care/CHAC	M
Lucie	Garand		Downs Rachlin Martin PLLC	X
Christine	Geiler		GMCB	S
Martita	Giard	phone	OneCare Vermont	M
Larry	Goetschius		Home Health and Hospice	M
Bea	Grause		Vermont Association of Hospital and Health Systems	X
Dale	Hackett	here	None	M
Mike	Hall		Champlain Valley Area Agency on Aging / COVE	M/MA
Carolynn	Hatin		AHS - Central Office - IFS	S
Selina	Hickman		AHS - DVHA	X
Bard	Hill		AHS - DAIL	X
Jeanne	Hutchins		UVM Center on Aging	M
Craig	Jones		AHS - DVHA - Blueprint	MA
Pat	Jones		GMCB	S/M
Margaret	Joyal		Washington County Mental Health Services Inc.	X
Joelle	Judge	here	UMASS	S
Trinka	Kerr		VLA/Health Care Advocate Project	MA
Sarah	Kinsler	here		S
Tony	Kramer		AHS - DVHA	X
Kelly	Lange		Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont	X
Dion	LaShay	phone	Consumer Representative	M
Nicole	LeBlanc		Green Mountain Self Advocates	X
Brenda	Lindemann		Consumer Representative	MA
Deborah	Lisi-Baker	here	SOV - Consultant	C/M
Sam	Liss	phone	Statewide Independent Living Council	M
Vicki	Loner		OneCare Vermont	X
Carole	Magoffin		AHS - DVHA	S
Georgia	Maheras	phone	AOA	S
Jackie	Majoros	here	VLA/LTC Ombudsman Project	M
Carol	Maroni		Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley	M
Mike	Maslack			X
Lisa	Maynes		Vermont Family Network	X

Madeleine	Mongan		Vermont Medical Society	M
Todd	Moore		OneCare Vermont	X
Mary	Moulton		Washington County Mental Health Services Inc.	X
Kirsten	Murphy		AHS - Central Office - DDC	M
Floyd	Nease		AHS - Central Office	X
Nick	Nichols		AHS - DMH	M
Miki	Olszewski		AHS - DVHA - Blueprint	X
Jessica	Oski		Vermont Chiropractic Association	X
Ed	Paquin		Disability Rights Vermont	M
Annie	Paumgarten		GMCB	S
Laura	Pelosi		Vermont Health Care Association	M
Eileen	Peltier		Central Vermont Community Land Trust	M
John	Pierce			X
Luann	Poirer		AHS - DVHA	S
Barbara	Prine		VLA/Disability Law Project	MA
Paul	Reiss		Accountable Care Coalition of the Green Mountains	M
Virginia	Renfrew		Zatz & Renfrew Consulting	X
Suzanne	Santarcangelo	phone	PHPG	X
Rachel	Seelig		VLA/Senior Citizens Law Project	M
Susan	Shane	phone	OneCare Vermont	MA
Julia	Shaw		VLA/Health Care Advocate Project	X
Richard	Slusky		GMCB	S/MA
Angela	Smith-Dieng	phone	Area Agency on Aging	MA
Beth	Tanzman		AHS - DVHA - Blueprint	X
Julie	Tessler	here	DA - Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Serv	M
Bob	Thorn		DA - Counseling Services of Addison County	X
Beth	Waldman		SOV Consultant - Bailit-Health Purchasing	S
Marlys	Waller		DA - Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Serv	MA
Nancy	Warner		COVE	M
Julie	Wasserman	here	AHS - Central Office	S/M
Kendall	West		Bi-State Primary Care/CHAC	X
James	Westrich		AHS - DVHA	S
Bradley	Wilhelm		AHS - DVHA	S
Jason	Williams		UVM Medical Center	M
Marie	Zura		DA - HowardCenter for Mental Health	X

Dave Yacovone - here - DAIC  
 Jenney Samvelson - here - DVHA BluePrint

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