



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

Pending Work Group Approval

Date of meeting: Tuesday, May 31, 2016, 11:00am-12:30pm, 4th Floor Conference Room, Pavilion Building, 109 State Street, Montpelier.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
1. Welcome	Deborah Lisi-Baker called the meeting to order at 11:05am. A roll call attendance was taken.	
2. Follow-Up Discussion: All-Payer Model and Medicaid Pathway	<p>Selina Hickman provided a status update on the Medicaid Pathway and its first work group, on mental health, substance abuse, and developmental services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dale Hackett asked: How much does the piece of Medicaid spending that will fall under the APM impact the spending that falls under the Medicaid Pathway? Selina responded that these parts of the system can't be siloed going forward. Individuals use services across both areas of the system, so the system needs to provide integrated, comprehensive services across the full array of services. Michael Costa added that we'll need to continue to measure how interventions impact cost, quality, and population health, and that the State will need a great deal of information from ACOs about planned interventions to predict these impacts. • Michael Costa noted that provider readiness to be paid and measured in a different way is a critical issue. • Dale Hackett asked how the goals of cost savings and improved quality will be balanced, both population-wide and for individuals. Selina replied that achievement of savings has not been a critical part of this discussion – more central has been how to ensure community providers are paid sufficient rates to provide needed care. Selina noted that from the Integrating Family Services program, we've learned that predictable funding streams has allowed providers to serve people more flexibly and efficiently according to their needs, rather than needing to complete unnecessary steps previously required to receive payment. Michael Costa added that he prefers the terms "certainty" and "sustainability" rather than savings in the context of the All-Payer Model. Certainty for payers and sustainability for the system are the key factors, rather than saving a relatively small amount of money (in the context of the Medicare trust fund). • Kirsten Murphy asked about the role of consumers on Medicaid Pathway work groups. Selina replied that this is a critical piece and the State is working to bring stronger advocate and consumer voices to these forums. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selina noted that the work group is currently assessing organized delivery system options and payment models that could support system integration to meet the Vermont Model of Care, and walked through delivery system options. • Ed Paquin commented that consolidated funding and oversight are already in the works through DVHA, DMH, and the Legislature. DVHA is exerting more control and has made decisions to cut rates for various services like behavioral interventions and group therapy, without much coordination with DMH. He expressed concern that this consolidated system will be managed by people without expertise in this area. Selina noted that this process has come with a serious look at silos within State government to ensure that the State is thoughtfully using levers with an understanding of system-wide effects. Deputies from each department as well as provider representatives and consumers are coming together to design this system thoughtfully. • Sam Liss commented that he’s concerned that cost savings goals will overtake quality and population health goals as the process moves ahead. <p>Julie Wasserman provided a status update on the second Medicaid Pathway work group, on LTSS/Choices for Care. The hope is to better integrated and coordination services within this area. The group will meet every three weeks starting in early June and will include many members of the DTLSS Work Group. PHPG will support this process. The group will report back to this Work Group regularly.</p> <p>Michael Costa provided a brief update on the All-Payer Model. Negotiations are still ongoing, though the State and CMMI have a general framework that is working through the federal clearance process. There are a few issues that are unresolved, in particular funding and accountability. Vermont wants to ensure we have sufficient resources to invest in the program at the start, and the federal government wants to ensure we’re not creating siloes outside of the services included in the model, in particular LTSS. Negotiations are now down to the nitty gritty, after which the Administration and Green Mountain Care Board will need to decide whether to pursue the agreement. The most significant work will begin immediately after an agreement is reached. If an agreement is reached, 2017 will be a capacity building year with more accountability for financial, access, and quality in 2018. DVHA’s ACO RFP is out right now; if a deal isn’t reached for an All-Payer Model agreement, DVHA can still move forward as of January 1, 2017. Plan A is an integrated ACO-based all-payer model with a Vermont-based model; Plan B is an integrated ACO-based all-payer model with NextGeneration ACO model for Medicare. The State believes the first will be the most beneficial for Vermonters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ed Paquin commented that the acute care system is still at the center of the ACO model. • Kirsten Murphy asked whether the Medicaid Pathway process will consider expanding the menu of what is included in the Choices for Care program to include services like DS. Julie replied that this hasn’t been a part of the conversation to date, but that Kirsten was welcome to participate in the Choices for Care subgroup. Selina added that part of the ongoing discussion has been identifying silos that might need breaking down. • Sam Liss added that social determinants of health like transportation, housing, and employment are critical features that must be integrated. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deborah Lisi-Baker commented that the role of the State of Vermont and AHS are critical to understanding this process. She also asked how the process will be different for individuals not attributed to ACOs. Michael replied that the key questions are what we want and how we know we are achieving it. Individuals not attributed to an ACO will still be entitled to the same insurance benefits, but the State needs to measure the impact of ACO participation on cost and quality for a subset of services. If the impact is good, we should be encouraging more providers to join ACOs. The second goal is to integrate services and systems, and the Medicaid Pathway process is working through how we might do that. Selina commented that we know we want to achieve the Vermont Model of Care, and we have various models available that might get us there and that might be easier or more challenging to implement. Readiness is a key issue for success. We need to continue testing, understanding, and organizing across all areas of the system to think about what would have the best chance for success and set us on a path toward integrated, person-centered, coordinated care. Michael added that these are hard policy choices but that process and stakeholder participation are critical parts of Medicaid Pathway planning. <p>Deborah Lisi-Baker encouraged robust participation from this group in the Medicaid Pathway process and other ongoing planning for reform, and invited this group to send comments and questions to Julie Wasserman (julie.wasserman@vermont.gov).</p>	
3. Follow-Up Discussion: DLTSS Payment Reform Initiative	This item was postponed.	
7. Public Comment/Next Steps	Next Meeting: Thursday, July 7, 2016, 10:00am-12:30pm	

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VHCIP DLSS Work Group Member List

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Member		Member Alternate		Minutes	
First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name		Organization
Susan	Aranoff				AHS - DAIL
Molly	Dugan			X	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
Peter	Cobb	Joy	Chilton	X	Home Health and Hospice
Dale	Hackett			X	Consumer Representative
Mike	Hall	Angela	Smith-Dieng	X	Champlain Valley Area Agency on Aging
Jeanne	Hutchins			X	UVM Center on Aging
Pat	Jones	Richard	Slusky		GMCB
Dion	LaShay				Consumer Representative
Deborah	Lisi-Baker			X	SOV - Consultant
Sam	Liss			X	Statewide Independent Living Council
Jackie	Majoros	Barbara	Prine		VLA/Disability Law Project
Madeleine	Mongan				Vermont Medical Society
Kirsten	Murphy			X	Developmental Disabilities Council
Nick	Nichols				AHS - DMH

Ed	Paquin			X	Disability Rights Vermont
Eileen	Peltier				Central Vermont Community Land Trust
Paul	Reiss	Amy	Cooper		Accountable Care Coalition of the Green Mountains
Jenney	Samuelson	X	Craig	Jones	AHS - DVHA
Rachel	Seelig	Trinka	Kerr		VLA/Senior Citizens Law Project
Julie	Tessler	Marlys	Waller	X	DA - Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services
Nancy	Warner	Mike	Hall		COVE
Julie	Wasserman			T	AHS - Central Office
Jason	Williams				UVM Medical Center
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	Meeting Name:	VHCIP DLTSS Work Group Meeting	
	Date of Meeting:	April 7, 2016	
	First Name	Last Name	
1	Susan	Aranoff	
2	Debbie	Austin	
3	Ena	Backus	
4	Susan	Barrett	
5	Bob	Bick	
6	Denise	Carpenter	
7	Alysia	Chapman	
8	Joy	Chilton	
9	Peter	Cobb	
10	Amy	Coonradt	
11	Amy	Cooper	
12	Alicia	Cooper	
13	Michael	Costa	
14	Molly	Dugan	
15	Patrick	Flood	
16	Erin	Flynn	X
17	Mary	Fredette	
18	Joyce	Gallimore	
19	Lucie	Garand	
20	Christine	Geiler	
21	Martita	Giard	
22	Dale	Hackett	
23	Mike	Hall	
24	Carolynn	Hatin	

25	Selina	Hickman	
26	Bard	Hill	
27	Jeanne	Hutchins	
28	Craig	Jones	
29	Pat	Jones	
30	Margaret	Joyal	
31	Joelle	Judge	
32	Trinka	Kerr	
33	Sarah	Kinsler	X
34	Tony	Kramer	
35	Andrew	Laing	
36	Kelly	Lange	
37	Dion	LaShay	
38	Deborah	Lisi-Baker	X
39	Sam	Liss	
40	Carole	Magoffin	
41	Georgia	Maheras	
42	Jackie	Majoros	
43	Lisa	Maynes	
44	Madeleine	Mongan	
45	Mary	Moulton	
46	Kirsten	Murphy	X
47	Nick	Nichols	
48	Miki	Olszewski	
49	Jessica	Oski	
50	Ed	Paquin	
51	Annie	Paumgarten	X

52	Eileen	Peltier	
53	John	Pierce	
54	Luann	Poirer	
55	Barbara	Prine	
56	Paul	Reiss	
57	Virginia	Renfrew	
58	Jenney	Samuelson	
59	Suzanne	Santarcangelo	
60	Rachel	Seelig	
61	Susan	Shane	
62	Julia	Shaw	
63	Richard	Slusky	
64	Angela	Smith-Dieng	
65	Holly	Stone	
66	Beth	Tanzman	
67	Julie	Tessler	
68	Bob	Thorn	
69	Beth	Waldman	
70	Marlys	Waller	
71	Nancy	Warner	
72	Julie	Wasserman	
73	Kendall	West	
74	James	Westrich	
75	Jason	Williams	
76	Scott	Whittman	
77	David	Yacovone	
78	Marie	Zura	