



Vermont Health Care Innovation Project Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Pending Committee Approval

Date of meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2016, 1:00pm-3:00pm, 4th Floor Conference Room, Pavilion Building, 109 State Street, Montpelier

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
1. Welcome and Introductions; Minutes Approval	Steven Costantino called the meeting to order at 1:01pm. Steven entertained a motion to approve June 2016 minutes. Susan Aranoff and Cathy Fulton seconded. The minutes were approved with two abstentions (Debbie Ingram and Julia Shaw). A quorum was present.	
2. Core Team Update	<p>Georgia Maheras provided a Core Team update.</p> <p><i>Performance Period 2 Annual Report:</i> The report, which will be posted on the website within the next day and distributed early next week, captures the period between January 2015 and June 2016. The bulk of the content is similar to the content in the Operational Plan. In particular, there have been updates in the evaluation section. Any questions, please contact Georgia.</p> <p><i>Upcoming Budget Decisions:</i> At this time, they are waiting for Federal approvals. Some reallocations for the PP3 budget will be approved at the Core Team’s October 10th meeting. Every 3 months, the actual spending is compared to the approved budget to ensure there is sufficient resources; adjustments will be made accordingly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mike Hall asked how the decisions will correlate with the discussions of the Steering Committee and also asked whether there are contract and spending decisions that will be presented to the Core Team that haven’t been reviewed by the Steering Committee. Georgia responded that based on an initial analysis, recommendations are provided to ensure that budgets are lining up appropriately. In addition, there will be references to previous items that were discussed and reviewed by the Core Team but were delayed. The bulk of the funds are in the sustainability bucket which is in the Core Team’s sole purview to determine how to spend. Analysis of the existing contracts is not yet complete. A preliminary proposal for the Core Team Chair will be available to review early next week and then distributed to the rest of the team. 	

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	<p><i>Year 2 SSP Results Timeline:</i> The results are not yet available due to additional vetting that must happen to ensure that the data is accurate. The information will be tentatively available on the October 11th webinar. If it's not ready by then, it will be presented at the October 17th PMDI Work Group Meeting in a webinar format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sue Aranoff asked about the Medicare Shared Savings Results. Georgia responded that those results will be provided in all of the Year 2 results. There are also updated numbers in the annual progress report as of June 30th 2016. 	
<p>3. Brief VHCIP Sustainability Plan Update</p>	<p>Georgia Maheras provided a brief update on VHCIP Sustainability Plan development (see attachments 3a and 3b).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Sustainability Work Group, chaired by Lawrence Miller and supported by contractor, Myers and Stauffer, is meeting approximately twice a month. The group is working on a draft Sustainability Plan, which is expected to be released in early November, 2016. The plan will be presented at every VHCIP work group and the Steering Committee for review and comment in the month of November. There will also be a lunchtime webinar in November as an additional opportunity for comment. Comments will be compiled, and an edited draft shared with the Core Team for initial review. In spring 2017, additional work with the new administration and Legislature will be done as appropriate. The final plan will be submitted to federal partners by June 30, 2017. John Evans asked if feedback is being sought from individual organizations or work groups. Georgia responded, both, and in any way that people feel comfortable. Participants should also feel free to contact Georgia Maheras (georgia.maheras@vermont.gov) or Sarah Kinsler (sarah.kinsler@vermont.gov). 	
<p>4. VHCIP Evaluation Update</p>	<p>Kate O'Neill, Payment Reform Program Evaluator at GMCB, is overseeing the VHCIP state-led evaluation and presented design for evaluation, progress so far, and next steps (Attachment 4). Craig Stevens of JSI, Vermont's state-led evaluation contractor, participated via phone.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The image on slide 4 (Evaluation Components) is a live link to the final environmental scan. Kate noted that this study is iterative and any feedback is appreciated. There are about 20 themes that JSI has identified from the progress thus far. Craig pointed out that there is a context and timing to the themes. It's important to revisit what the findings are as new information emerges, and to adjust the work plan accordingly. This is an iterative process and they plan to bring revisions back to the group. <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debbie Ingram was interested in the theme of goal alignment. Are the patient goals and reform goals mutually exclusive or is impossible to both achieve quality and save on cost? Craig knows that there are examples where reform and patient goals are aligned, e.g., aging in place. Being able to stay at home is actually a cost saver and a patient goal. Craig stated that they have avoided giving their analysis in this presentation. They are looking to the group to find out what more they should be asking in interviews. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debbie suggested further exploration around care as people age or quality of life diminishes, and interventions to prolong life could be costly. In particular, how can we have conversations to make those humane decisions and to recognize realities and financial burdens. 	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sue Aranoff, in regards to the theme of Roles and Responsibilities, asked: Would you consider adding a focus group with state employees, not just SIM employees, who have been a part of this process to get feedback from them? There’s been a tremendous number of state employees from agencies and departments involved and it would be interesting to see what their experiences have been. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Craig responded that that’s something to incorporate into their work plan moving forward. The evaluation team did conduct a number of key informant interviews at the beginning of the evaluation with state employees (DVHA, VDH, and others) but it focused more on landscape to give JSI direction. They need to touch back to those organizational folks and ask more granular questions. • Dale Hackett commented that he is struggling with the timeline and with understanding the gaps within data. Georgia responded that in particular around HDI, they’ve recognized that they need different standards. A benefit of the SIM work to date is that we now we know what’s needed. There are different funding streams (i.e., federal HITECH funds) so that we can continue to work on building HDI with other resources. • Steven Costantino asked where data analytics fit in. Craig responded that it would belong in the “view on data” component and it is being addressed in a lot of different ways. Cathy Fulton requested that in addition to data analytics, take the next step and convert it into usable, actionable information to broad stakeholder groups. • Steven struggles with connecting the financial piece to the payment reform. What value is there in the claims data that we can use in the health data side? We have a lot of data. Can we convert it to usable information to guide us to make decisions in the future? There’s a huge potential here that we haven’t taken advantage of. • Rick Barnett asked, in terms of the evaluation process, how are independent providers being incorporated and evaluated in terms of the value and role that they play in care delivery and payment reform? Craig responded that for example, the Care Management Learning Collaborative work hasn’t been around for that long so they’re trying to focus on those who have actually been touched and they haven’t really gone beyond that to look at broader groups. To that point, care collaboration expansions in the future could include private practitioners. 	
5. Public Comment, Next Steps, Wrap Up and Future Meeting Schedule	<p><i>Population Health Plan:</i> The Steering Committee will receive an update after all of the work groups have received the Population Health Plan document. Members are welcome to provide comment prior to the meeting on October 26th.</p> <p><i>All Payer Model:</i> GMCB will be discuss the APM at the next 2-3 meetings. Specifics on public forums will be posted on hcr.Vermont.Gov and GMCB's website. More information will be available after the Governor’s press conference with the media. Note that there will be changes to the draft agreement based on analysis.</p> <p>Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 2016, 1:00-3:00pm, 4th Floor Conference Room, Pavilion Building, 109 State Street, Montpelier.</p>	

VHCIP Steering Committee Member List

*Sue Aranoff 10
Cathy Fulton 20
motion earned 2 abstentions*

Member		Member Alternate		Minutes	Wednesday, September 28, 2016
First Name	Last Name	First Name	Last Name		Organization
Susan	Aranoff ✓				AHS - DAIL
Rick	Barnett ✓				Vermont Psychological Association
Bob	Bick				DA - HowardCenter for Mental Health
Peter	Cobb	Beverly	Boget		VNAs of Vermont
Steven	Costantino ✓				AHS - DVHA, Commissioner
Elizabeth	Cote ✓				Area Health Education Centers Program
Tracy	Dolan ✓	Heidi	Klein		AHS - VDH
David	Martini ✓				DFR
John	Evans ✓	Kristina	Choquette		Vermont Information Technology Leaders
Kim	Fitzgerald ✓				Cathedral Square and SASH Program
Catherine	Fulton ✓				Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care
Kate	Simmons				Bi-State Primary Care/CHAC
Al	Gobeille	Kate	O'Neill ✓		GMCB
Lynn	Guillett ✓				Dartmouth Hitchcock
Dale	Hackett ✓				Consumer Representative
Mike	Hall ✓				Champlain Valley Area Agency on Aging / COVE
Paul	Harrington ✓				Vermont Medical Society

Selina	Hickman	Shawn	Skafelstad		AHS - DVHA
Debbie	Ingram ✓			A	Vermont Interfaith Action
Craig	Jones				AHS - DVHA - Blueprint
Julia	Shaw ✓	(Interim)		A	VLA/Health Care Advocate Project
Deborah	Lisi-Baker				SOV - Consultant
	(vacant)				VLA/LTC Ombudsman Project
Todd	Moore	Vicki	Loner		OneCare Vermont
Jeffrey	Tieman				Vermont Association of Hospital and Health Systems
Mary Val	Palumbo ✓				University of Vermont
Ed	Paquin ✓				Disability Rights Vermont
Judy	Peterson				Visiting Nurse Association of Chittenden and Grand Isle Counties
Allan	Ramsay				GMCB
Frank	Reed	Jaskanwar	Batra		AHS - DMH
Paul	Reiss	Kathy	Henny ✓		HealthFirst/Accountable Care Coalition of the Green Mountains
Simone	Rueschemeyer ✓				Vermont Care Network
Howard	Schapiro				University of Vermont Medical Group Practice
Julle	Tessler	Marlys	Waller		Vermont Council of Developmental and Mental Health Services
Sharon	Winn				Bi-State Primary Care
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	First Name	Last Name	
1	Susan	Aranoff	none
2	Ena	Backus	
3	Melissa	Bailey	
4	Heidi	Banks	
5	Rick	Barnett	phone
6	Susan	Barrett	
7	Jaskanwar	Batra	
8	Bob	Bick	
9	Martha	Buck	
10	Kristina	Choquette	
11	Sarah	Clark	
12	Peter	Cobb	
13	Lori	Collins	
14	Amy	Coonradt	
15	Alicia	Cooper	
16	Steven	Costantino	none
17	Elizabeth	Cote	phone phone
18	Diane	Cummings	
19	Mike	DelTrecco	
20	Tracy	Dolan	phone
21	Richard	Donahey	
22	John	Evans	phone
23	Jamie	Fisher	
24	Kim	Fitzgerald	none

25	Katie	Fitzpatrick	
26	Erin	Flynn	here
27	Aaron	French	
28	Catherine	Fulton	here
29	Lucie	Garand	
30	Christine	Geiler	
31	Al	Gobeille	
32	Lynn	Guillett	
33	Dale	Hackett	here
34	Mike	Hall	here
35	Paul	Harrington	phone
36	Carrie	Hathaway	
37	Karen	Hein	
38	Selina	Hickman	
39	Debbie	Ingram	here
40	Craig	Jones	
41	Kate	Jones	
42	Pat	Jones	
43	Joelle	Judge	here
44	Sarah	Kinsler	
45	Heidi	Klein	
46	Leah	Korce	
47	Andrew	Laing	
48	Kelly	Lange	
49	Deborah	Lisi-Baker	
50	Sam	Liss	
51	Vicki	Loner	

52	Robin	Lunge	
53	Carole	Magoffin	
54	Georgia	Maheras	
55	David	Martini	here we
56	Todd	Moore	
57	Kate	O'Neill	here
58	Brian	Otley	
59	Dawn	O'Toole	
60	Mary Val	Palumbo	none
61	Ed	Paquin	here
62	Judy	Peterson	
63	Anne	Petrow	
64	Luann	Poirer	
65	Allan	Ramsay	
66	Frank	Reed	
67	Paul	Reiss	
68	Simone	Rueschemeyer	
69	Jenney	Samuelson	
70	Larry	Sandage	
71	Suzanne	Santarcangelo	
72	Howard	Schapiro	
73	Julia	Shaw	
74	Shawn	Skafelstad	
75	Holly	Stone	
76	Beth	Tanzman	
77	Julie	Tessler	
78	Beth	Waldman	

79	Marlys	Waller	
80	Julie	Wasserman	here
81	Kendall	West	
82	James	Westrich	
83	Sharon	Winn	
84	David	Yacovone	

Kathy Hentley - DMH - here
Karen Simon - DVHA - phone
Julie Corwin - DVHA - here