

# Health Information Exchange/Health-IT Update to the Green Mountain Care Board

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# Overview: Discussion Topics

- Act 187 (H.901) – Progress Update
  - Progress Report & Work Plan
  - Contingency Plan
  - Third Party Evaluation
- HIT Plan – What to Expect

# Act 187 – Progress Report & Work Plan

- Progress Report and Work Plan submitted May 1 and July 1
  - Areas of Focus:
    1. Strategic Planning & Governance
    2. DVHA & VITL Operations
    3. Legislative Oversight Activities
- Goals for DVHA & VITL:
  - Ensure the VHIE is well-governed and compliant with federal and state regulations
  - Ensure the VHIE operator is focused and delivers upon its core mission
  - Make VHIE operations accountable to all customers, including the state
- Next update due: September 1

# Act 187 – Contingency Plan Progress

- Capitol Health Associates in partnership with Match Point Partners and Benesch, Friedlander, Coplan & Aronoff began work on May 15, 2018
- Contracted to develop a contingency plan *“for health information technology to be used if the Department and VITL are unable to implement the recommendations from the Act 73 report”*
- Work accomplished:
  - Held a kick-off meeting with DVHA and VITL to gain consensus around the focus of the work
  - Delivered a project plan and plan development strategy detailing the process for creating the Contingency Plan
  - Conducted stakeholder engagement (interviews and e-survey)
  - Delivered draft Contingency Plan on July 31
- Work remaining:
  - Delivery of a final Contingency Plan on August 15 (pending DVHA/VITL feedback)
  - Submission of Contingency Plan to legislature and GMCB on September 1
  - Contract includes 3 in-person presentations and 20 hours of ad-hoc consultation

# Act 187 – Third-Party Evaluation

- By October 15, DVHA will provide the legislature and the GMCB with *“the results of an evaluation, which shall be conducted by an independent entity with expertise in health information technology, of the work plan, the contingency plan, and the Department’s and VITL’s progress toward implementing the recommendations in the Act 73 report.”*
- In May, HealthTech Solutions, the author of the Act 73 Report, was contracted to evaluate DVHA and VITL’s progress.
- They have reviewed both progress report/work plan submissions (independently and through meetings with DVHA and VITL).
- HealthTech rated progress as “satisfactory” following the May submission. The July submission is under review.

# HIE Plan

- HIE Steering Committee formed in November 2017 – charged with delivering a consensus-driven HIE plan
- Informally called the “HIE” plan to emphasize the focus on the exchange of health information
  - Addressing historic confusion around the use of “HIT”, a broad term often applied specifically to the exchange of health data
- The HIE Plan is a strategic plan, not a technology plan
  - VITL is responsible for developing a technical roadmap for the VHIE
  - DVHA is focused on **what** the State needs, allowing service providers flexibility in **how** they meet those needs

# HIE Plan Goals

- Demystify health information exchange by clearly articulating where we've been, the current state, and where we're going
- Target the needs of the people using the health system (not solely the technology)
- Emphasize the interdependent component parts required to achieve success – Technology, Financing, Policy/Process and Governance
- Focus on achievable progress in clear alignment with desired outcomes

# HIE Plan Progress

## The HIE Steering Committee:

- Crafted a committee charter and plan development process
- Collected and evaluated over 50 HIE use cases
- Met with Office of the National Coordinator (ONC) to learn more about successes in other States
- Met with CMS to better understand funding opportunities and federal priorities
- Agreed on goals, objectives, and the component parts of the HIE framework to be addressed

## Upcoming Work:

- August: Agree on an HIE Governance Model
- August/September: Further develop sustainability plans
- September: Review Plan concepts with the GMCB Primary Care Advisory Group
  - Build relationships & gain initial feedback
- September/October: Review the plan with additional stakeholders, and incorporate feedback into the plan and/or future planning process
- November: Deliver a final HIE Plan to the GMCB



Questions?