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## **State of Vermont**

### **Vermont Health Information Technology Plan (VHITP)**

## **Green Mountain Care Board Meeting**

**February 4, 2016**

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# Timeline and Next Steps

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- February 4, 2016: Present draft VHITP to GMCB
- February 5, 2016: Initial opportunity for public comment (<http://healthdata.vermont.gov/feedback>)
- Collect and analyze public comments/feedback and incorporate into the Plan as appropriate
- Week of February 15-19, 2016: AoA final review and approval; submission to GMCB
- February 25, 2016: Final Plan presented to GMCB
- March 10, 2016: Final approval of the VHITP

# Project Findings

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- Vermont has a good vision for evolving to a more efficient health care system.
- Vermont has made significant progress in implementing health information technology (HIT) to support health reform and is viewed as a leader in that area, but there is more to do.
- Vermonters are engaged and passionate about using HIT to support health care reform.
- Vermont has leveraged State resources well for multiple federal grants and other funding to support HIT development.
- While there are many HIT-related projects and systems in the State, there is a lack of overall statewide governance/coordination.
- Vermont is making progress on the integration of physical health, mental health, substance use, and social services information, but there is still much work to do – including patient consent and data interoperability.
- There is a high level of stakeholder concern about Vermont's past/current investments in HIT/HIE with less than expected results.
- The Vermont Health Information Exchange (VHIE, currently operated by VITL) is dependent upon state and federal funding. The uncertainty around the availability of continued funding impacts the ability to make long term sustainable plans for the on-going operation and maintenance of the VHIE.

# VHITP Initiatives – Overview

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Fully implementing the VHITP Initiatives will:

- Establish strong, clear leadership and governance for statewide Health Information Technology/Health Information Exchange (HIT/HIE) with a focus on decision-making and accountability.
- Continue – and expand – stakeholder dialogue, engagement, and participation.
- Expand connectivity and interoperability.
- Provide high quality, reliable health information data.
- Ensure timely access to relevant health data.
- Continue the protection of a person’s privacy as a high priority.

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# *Thank You!*

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