# Vermont Health Information Exchange Update to the Green Mountain Care Board

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### VITL/DVHA HIT Advisory Workgroup

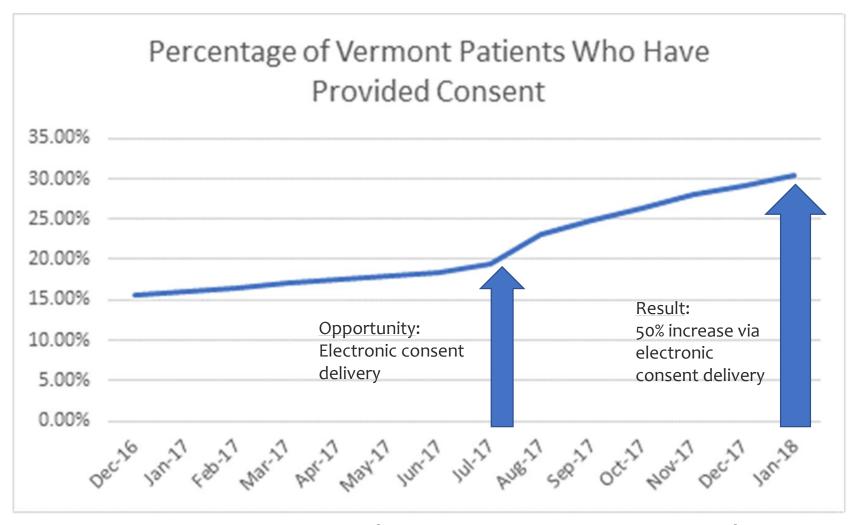
#### **Short-Term Plan**

- Address immediate staffing needs to ensure stability
  - Mike Smith named new Interim President and CEO
  - Director of Technology hired to replace interim CTO
- Participate in the State's newly established HIE Steering Committee (January, 2018)
- Submit VITL's legislatively-mandated annual report (January, 2018)

#### **Long-Term Plan**

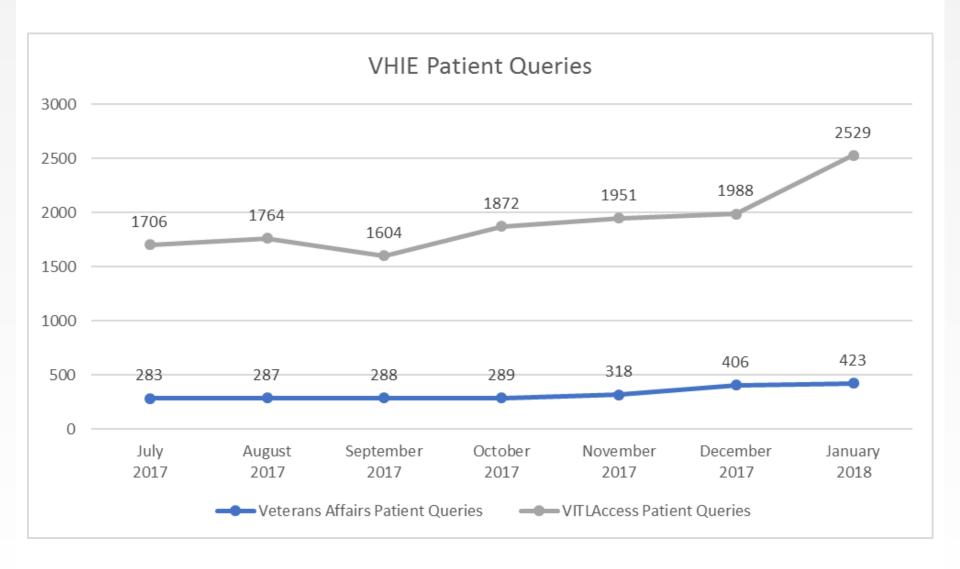
- Work plan submission (May, 2018)
- Restructure the VITL Board to ensure that end users are guiding VITL operations and overseeing prudent management of projects and funds (December, 2018)

#### **Point of Care - Consent**

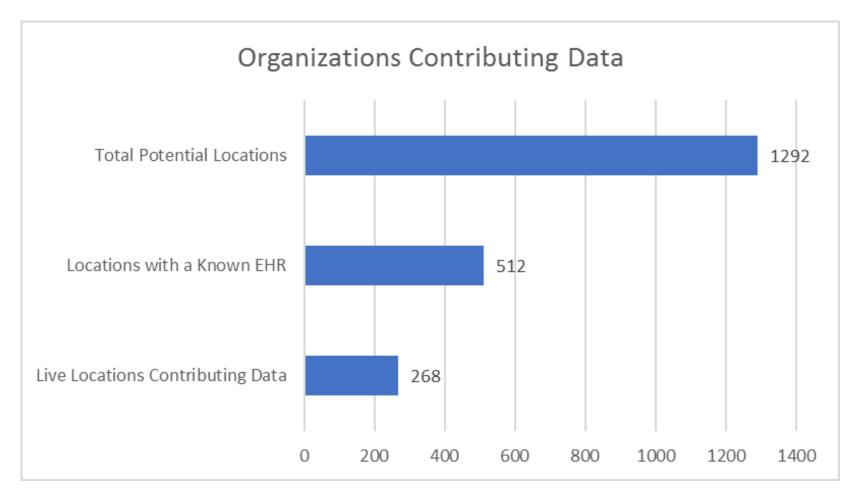


Patients must provide consent for providers to view or query data from the VHIE for use at the point of care

### **Point of Care - Utilization**



### **Data Contributors**



Total Potential Locations = all known locations including those with EHRs that are incapable of connecting, and locations that provide substance abuse disorder services which have additional restrictions on sharing.

#### **VHIE Data Contributors**

- Types of Data Contributors
  - 100% of hospitals are contributing data to the VHIE
  - o 78% of Primary Care Practices are contributing data to the VHIE
  - o 99% of Home Health and Hospice (VNA) are contributing data
  - Focus for Improvement: Less than 14% of all other providers are contributing data to the VHIE
- Types of Data Contributed
  - Laboratory/Pathology, Radiology, and Transcribed reports
  - Patient Demographics
  - Admission, Discharge, and Transfer information
  - Clinical Care Summaries
  - Immunizations
- As a result, 92% of Vermonters have data in the VHIE.
  - Patient consent is needed for this data to be utilized at the point of care by providers.



### Support Health System Measurement

- VHIE data aggregation and delivery
  - Leverages Health Care Organization IT investments ("chart once, use many times")
  - Leverages State IT investments (Data Marts, Terminology Services)
- VHIE data is being used to measure outcomes on key health reform metrics
  - Reduces reliance on chart abstraction techniques to gather data for analytics
  - Three All Payer ACO measures reliant on clinical data from the VHIE
  - Blueprint for Health's Vermont Clinical Registry reliant on VHIE data, including historical data and expansion of data types

### **VHIE Data Security**

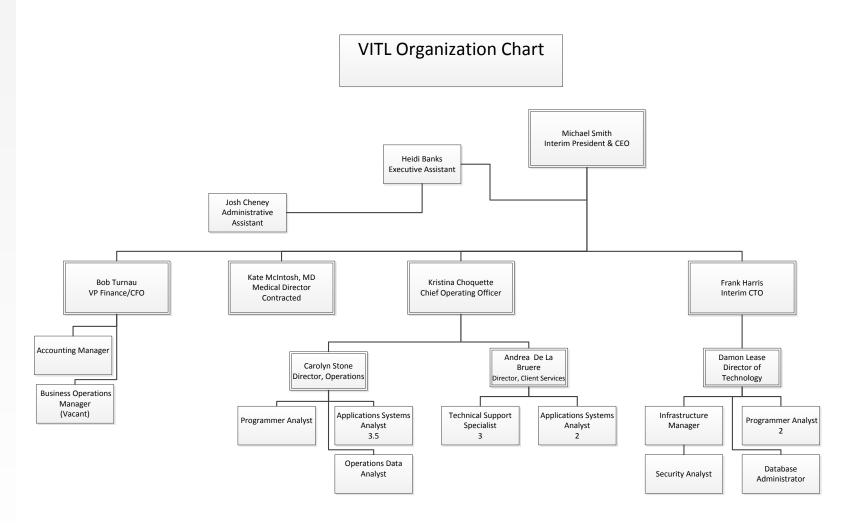
- Goal is to identify areas of risk before they become exploitable vulnerabilities
- Scan completed by Cynergistek in January 2018
- Increased the scope of the assessment to 161 controls vs. 93 in FY17
- Currently reviewing report to proactively address potential technical vulnerabilities
- Continue to audit VHIE access of "Break the Glass" events as they are generated by health care organizations
- Continue to monitor and audit patient consent set within the VHIE

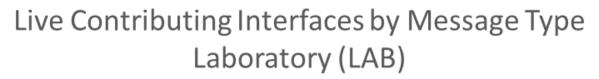
### **Connectivity Criteria**

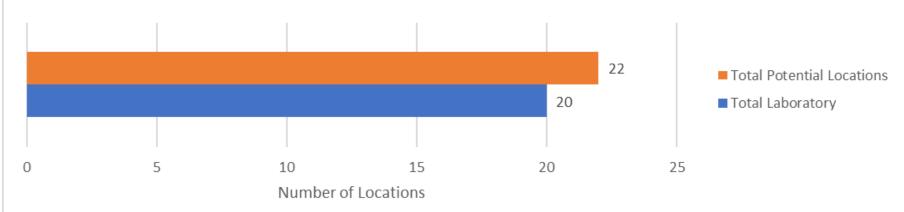
- Purpose is to establish criteria for creating or maintaining connectivity to the state's health information exchange network
- GMCB approved the Connectivity Criteria on February 6, 2014
- Renewal of criteria by GMCB due March 1, 2018
  - Request approval for existing Connectivity Criteria to remain in effect
- In Progress: Updating the criteria to align with the submission of the HIE Plan
  - o Improve the usefulness and utilization of the criteria
  - Define the standards, requirements, roles and responsibilities of all participants
  - Engage stakeholders to provide feedback

### **Reference Slides**

## **VITL Organization Chart**



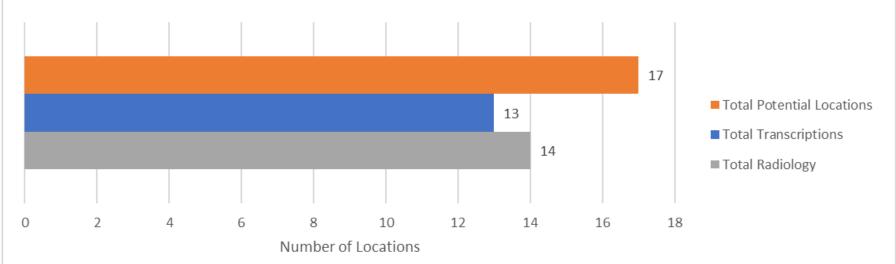




The Total Potential Locations is all Hospitals in Vermont, and Dartmouth-Hitchcock (NH), Cottage (NH), Samaritan (NY) Hospitals, and 5 Commercial Laboratories.

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Radiology messages are used to share medical imaging reports. Transcription messages are used to share notes on the patient.

# Live Contributing Interfaces by Message Type Admission, Discharge and Transfers (ADT) and Clinical Documents (CCD/MDM)

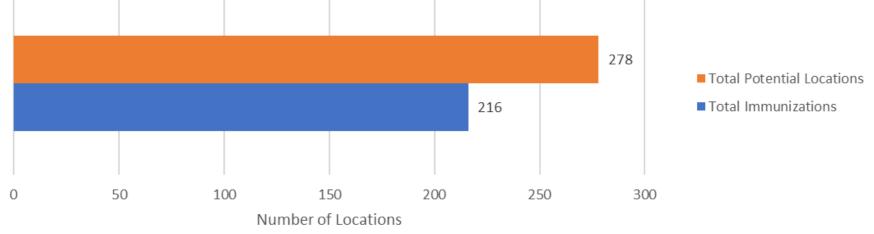


Total Potential Locations bar includes all known healthcare locations, including those with no Electronic Health record (EHR), EHRs that are incapable of connecting, and locations that provide substance abuse disorder services, which have additional restrictions on sharing.

Admission, Discharge and Transfer (ADT) messages are used to update patient demographics or communicate events about a patient.

Clinical Documents are used to share summary medical information about the patient. They can contain allergies, problems, procedures, family history, medications, immunizations, results, vital signs, encounters and more.





The Total Potential Locations is Locations Identified by the Vermont Immunization Registry.

Immunization messages are used to share new immunizations administered as well as any historical immunizations.