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On February 5, 2020, following discussion and public comment, the Board unanimously voted to: (a) approve amending the 2019-2020 HIE Plan to include the additional information for Connectivity Criteria proposed by DVHA on January 22nd and to include Appendix D (Protocols for Provider Access to Protected Health Information on VHIE) with the language change proposed by DVHA and Board staff on February 5, 2020 (noted above); and (b) sunset the 2014 HIE Consent Policy on February 29, 2020.

The Board finds that the amended HIE Plan is consistent with the Board’s principles for review of the HIE Plan. Specifically, the Board finds that the amended HIE Plan: (1) is consistent with the requirements of 18 V.S.A. § 9351; (2) is consistent with the Principles for Health Care Reform in 18 V.S.A. § 9371 and will help achieve the State’s health reform goals; (3) is consistent with other relevant legislation (including sections 4 and 5 of Act 53 of 2019); and (4) incorporates national best practices and expertise as well as feedback from Vermonters, including key HIE constituents (VITL, State of Vermont HIE stakeholders, and other private HIE providers), health care providers, and individuals seeking care.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 21, 2020 at Montpelier, Vermont

s/ Kevin Mullin, Chair)
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s/ Jessica Holmes) GREEN MOUNTAIN
) CARE BOARD
s/ Robin Lunge) OF VERMONT
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s/ Tom Pelham)
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s/ Maureen Usifer)

Filed: February 21, 2020

Attest: s/ Jean Stetter, Administrative Services Director
Green Mountain Care Board