

Wednesday, November 20, 2019

PCAG Member Attendees	Fay Homan, Katie Marvin, Leigh LoPresti, Robert Penney, Tim Tanner, <i>Sean Uiterwyk</i>
GMCB Attendees	Kevin Mullin, Susan Barrett, Christina McLaughlin
Other Attendees	Andrea De La Bruere, Jennifer Kaulius, Helen Labun
<i>*italics denote phone participation</i>	

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Quick roundtable of folks in the room.

2. VITL Collaborative Services Presentation & Discussion
 - a. Andrea De La Bruere, Director of Client Services, VITL, reviewed the opt-out consent policy and discussed the percent of Vermont patients currently providing consent. When the opt-out consent policy change takes effect on March 1, 2020, VITL will collect and maintain patient consent. Patients may opt-out by phone, online, mail, and at participating health organizations. Andrea also discussed an event notification system to help identify complex patients. Providers signed-up will receive real-time alerts, for example, if a patient visits an emergency department often within a certain timeframe. VITL facilitates admissions, discharge, and transfer information from VT hospitals and home health agencies to 3rd party event notification companies. Alerts are meant to reduce utilization, reduce barriers in communication, reduce costs and more. Andrea then outlines the two phases of the collaborative services project and VITL's services. The group discussed how there is a lag time in the system when looking up a patient's prescription information. They also brought up which information is important to include in the exchange.
 - b. **Action Item:** If members would like to propose additional recommendations regarding the information provided, please send them to Christina or Andrea.

3. Updates from Group Members
 - a. The group discussed their top priority, primary care workforce, and possible solutions to increase the number of primary care physicians in Vermont. Members brought up loan repayment, increasing primary care and family practice physician programs and other methods to expand the primary care workforce in Vermont. Work environment was also brought up; decreasing administrative burden and prior authorizations would help providers. The group discussed next steps.
 - b. **Action Items:** The GMCB and group members decided to hold a primary care workforce panel on January 15, 2020. Group members also plan to testify to legislative committees. Christina will follow-up regarding details and scheduling.