

VITL FY2023 Budget Review

Staff Recommendation

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GMCB Oversight of VITL



- **Review and approve VITL budget.**
 - 18 V.S.A. § 9375(b)(2)(C): The Board is required to “Annually review and approve the budget, consistent with available funds, of the Vermont Information Technology Leaders, Inc. (VITL). This review shall take into account VITL's responsibilities pursuant to section 9352 of this title and the availability of funds needed to support those responsibilities.”
 - Under 18 V.S.A. § 9352(c)(1), VITL is “designated... to operate the exclusive statewide health information exchange network.” Each year, the Secretary of Administration (or its designee the Department of Vermont Health Access/DVHA) funds this work by “enter[ing] into procurement grant agreements with VITL.”
 - The Board’s oversight is intended to provide strategic guidance and policy parameters within which the Administration, through DVHA, operationalizes that relationship. GMCB first reviewed and approved VITL’s budget in 2016.

Budget Modification

- GMCB unanimously approved VITL's FY23 budget on June 22, 2022.
- As established in GMCB's Annual Budget Guidance for VITL (approved April 14, 2021), if revenue or expenses have varied more than \$500,000 or 5% (whichever is greater) from the approved budget, VITL shall provide a mid-year budget update and forecast. The update may include a presentation from VITL if requested.
- Legal recommends GMCB review and approve, as appropriate, changes in revenue or expenses that exceed the threshold in guidance.

Staff Recommendation

- Staff recommend approving the VITL FY2023 budget amendment as presented, without any other changes to VITL's FY2023 budget.
- The VITL FY2023 budget, as amended, continues to comply with the four principles for budget review set out in GMCB's budget guidance for VITL.
 - Transparency; public and stakeholder comment; alignment with HIE plan; alignment with VITL/DVHA process
- Conditions for reporting in FY2023 budget order remain unchanged.

Public Comment



- A special public comment period was open from Monday, February 13, through noon, Wednesday February 22; GMCB received 0 comments.

Proposed Motion

- Suggested motion language:

Move to approve the amendment to VITL's FY2023 budget as presented today to the GMCB.

Discussion

Reference Slides

Budget Review Criteria



- As established in GMCB's Annual Budget Guidance for VITL (approved April 14, 2021), the GMCB uses four principles to review VITL's budget:
 1. Transparency: The review process will be transparent.
 2. Public/Stakeholder Input: The review process will allow for stakeholder and public input.
 3. Alignment with HIE Plan Goals: The Board will review VITL's budget in order to determine whether it reflects a strategy and priorities consistent with the State's health care reform goals and the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Strategic Plan. The Board will not direct the technical details of VITL's work or the details of VITL's contractual relationship with the State.
 4. Alignment with VITL/DVHA Process:
 - The Board's review process will be structured and timed in order to assist the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) and VITL in negotiating timely, effective agreements each year.
 - The process will result in Board decisions that are sufficiently clear to enable VITL to do its work and DVHA to support that work without requiring repeated clarification or intervention by the Board.