

# 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 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/Department of Vermont Health Access (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.

# Process



1. Public comment period: June 8-June 17
  2. Staff recommendation presented June 22, potential Board vote
  3. Back up vote date June 29
- ❖ Current and historic materials can be found on the GMCB website:  
<https://gmcboard.vermont.gov/hit/vitl-oversight>