

Committee Name: Blueprint Executive Committee	Committee Chair: Dr. John Saroyan
Agenda: 1. Welcome 2. Act 51 and 78 Reports with links Act 51 Report Act 78 Report 3. CHT Expansion Pilot Updates a. Workgroups i. Measurement & Evaluation ii. Program Design b. Year Two Attestation c. QI Facilitation & Care Transformation Collaborative of Rhode Island d. Pediatric Model & DULCE Update e. Education & Training Request for Proposals 4. Blueprint Manual Appendix 5. Future meetings: a. 3/21 from Dr. Saroyan via Teams b. 5/16 in person at Waterbury State Office Complex	Mtg. Facilitators: Julie Parker and Mara Donohue Mtg. Recorder: Nichole Bachand Where: Virtual Meeting
	Conference Room: none Date: January 18, 2024 Time: 9:00 am
Teams Meeting Information: 291 506 492 969	

Executive Committee Members			
(Present in Black)			
Catherine Fulton, VPQHC	Nicole Moran, VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region	Clarke Collins, Benefits and Wellness State of Vermont	Kelly Dougherty, Vermont Department of Health
Gretchen Pembroke, Clara Martin Center	Grace Gilbert-Davis BCBSVT	Laura Hubbell, Bayada	Jessa Barnard, Vermont Medical Society
Dr. Emma Wilder, ND Naturopath	Angela Comeau, Department of Vermont Health Access	Anje Van Berckelaer, Battenkill Health Center	Michelle Wade, VNPA
Rep. Lori Houghton, House Health Care Committee	Deana Chase Center for Health and Learning	Teri Closterman, King Arthur Baking, Consumer Representative	Devon Green, Vermont Association of Hospitals & Health Systems
Lori Vadakin Department of Mental Health	Thom Walsh GMCB	Kristen Navarette MVP	Pat Jones, Interim Director of Healthcare Reform

Non-Committee Members Present

Kerry Sullivan, CHT Lead Burlington HSA	Suzanne Tremblay, SaVida Health	Tom Dougherty, Springfield Health	Rachel McLaughlin, Blueprint QI Facilitator Burlington HSA
Ellen Talbert, Blueprint QI Facilitator, Burlington HSA	Aimil Parmelee QI Facilitator Randolph HSA	Sierra Bishop, QI Facilitator for St. Johnsbury and Newport HSAs	Julianne Krulewitz, Vermont Child Health Improvement Program, UVM
Diana Gibbs, Program Manager, St. Johnsbury	Merideth Drude, Program Manager, Rutland HSA	Katherine Cummings, RN CHT Lead at BMH, Brattleboro	Ryan Torres, QI Facilitator for Middlebury and Rutland
Carlie Felion CHT Lead Springfield HSA	Stuart May, CEO Lamoille Health Partners	Melanie Sheehan, Program Manager, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center	Hannah Ancel Program Manager Morrisville HSA
Katja Evans, Blueprint Program Manager, Randolph HSA	Oana Louviere QI Facilitator Morrisville HSA	Kirsten Kolar, Bennington CHT Lead	Kevin Ciechon, Contract Manager, CIGNA
Todd Salvesvold, BP Program Manager Bennington HSA	Kathleen Boyd RRMC	Michelle Farnsworth, Blueprint Program Manager Burlington HAS	Thomasena Coates Blueprint QI Practice Facilitator, Brattleboro, Springfield & Windsor
Lisa Antonik QI Facilitator	Kim Fitzgerald SASH	Emelia Wollenburg Program Manager, Middlebury HSA	Ilisa Stalberg Maternal Child Health, VDH
Constance Gavin Blueprint Program Manager, Barre HSA	Lisa Delegato Gifford Health Care Randolph, HSA	Breana W. Holmes Professor of Pediatrics, Middlebury	Maurine Gilbert VITL
Laura Ruggles Health Consultant, VPHI	Nicole Hamlet Director of Health Systems VDH		

Blueprint Central Office Staff

John Saroyan, Executive Director, Blueprint for Health	Julie Parker, Assistant Director Blueprint for Health	Mara Donohue, Assistant Director Blueprint for Health	Jenn Herwood, Payment Operations Admin. Blueprint for Health
Caleb Denton, Data Analytics and Information Administrator Blueprint for Health	Addie Armstrong, Data Analytics and Information Administrator Blueprint for Health	Erin Just, Quality Improvement Coordinator, Blueprint for Health	Averiel Hossley, Project Administrator Blueprint for Health
Nichole Bachand, Administrative Assistant Blueprint for Health	Monique Thompson, Specialty Quality Improvement Facilitator Blueprint for Health	Meredith Milligan, Physician Clinical Consultant Blueprint for Health	

	Agenda Topic	Topic Facilitator	NOTES <i>(notes are provided in italics and blue)</i>	Action Items
1	Welcome	John Saroyan	<i>First Blueprint (BP) Executive Committee meeting of the 2024.</i>	
2	Act 51	John Saroyan	<p><i>Act 51 required BP to report by how much insurers and VT Medicaid should increase per-person per-month payments made to Patient-Centered Medical Homes and give consideration to the health care claims tax to collect and distribute those payments equitably.</i></p> <p><i>Dr Saroyan walked the attendees through the report. A link to the full Act 51 Report is in action items.</i></p> <p><i>Questions:</i></p> <p><i>Regarding the increase for commercial payers “is that what’s needed for the expansion pilot period or to cover current baseline costs?”</i></p> <p><i>Act 51 is specific to practice payments, not related to the CHT Expansion Pilot.</i></p> <p><i>“Is there a way to estimate what the increase for commercial payers for a given practice might be on an annual basis? i.e. Is there a count of the attributed commercial patients for each practice that could be multiplied by this increase, or a way to determine the count?”</i></p> <p><i>Commercial insurers calculate their own attribution based on the Blueprint Manual. Blueprint Central office <u>estimates</u></i></p>	<u>Act 51</u>

	ACT 51 continued	John Saroyan	<i>the annual \$ amount for a small, medium, or large practice IF commercial insurers contributed \$1.65 more PMPM to be: between \$1000 & \$12000 for the smallest 25% of practices between \$12,000 & \$40,000 for the middle 50% of practices between \$40,000 & \$70,000 for the largest 25% of practices.</i>	
	Act 78	John Saroyan	<i>Dr. Saroyan walked the attendees through the Act 78 report. Question: "What was the recommendation for continuing the expansion pilot?" There are no recommendations for using the taxes listed in this report.</i>	<u>Act 78 Report</u>
3	CHT Expansion Pilot Updates	John Saroyan	<i>a. i. Measurement & Evaluation Workgroup – Group Leaders- Addie Armstrong & Erin Just: Of 131 reporting BP practices recognized as Patient Centered Medical Homes. 115 are participating in year one. BP has funding for 84 FTE for Community Health Teams. The portal shows just under 24 FTE hired across 38 unique individuals. The group will reconvene 3 meetings in Feb/March to update and discuss years 1 and 2.</i>	
		Julie Parker	<i>b. ii. Program Design Workgroup – Julie Parker and Ilisa Stalberg: The group will reconvene 2-3 meetings in Feb/March to discuss current implementation and planning for year 2. We will be discussing pediatric model/family practice screenings for caregivers and patients. The first year provided some flexibility but year (2) will be more prescriptive. "In regard to learning collaboratives, has BP identified the quality measures that will be the focus?" There's some potential for discussion, currently in the very early stage of scoping out the timeline. "Who would the stakeholders be, who would take the lead on organizing?" No decisions have been made yet about what quality measures are being addressed. "Is there a hard end point at the end of the year?" John answers that he anticipates participating in year 2 of the pilot will be facilitated by having the additional FTE</i>	

			<p><i>on board. Don't anticipate practices wanting to drop out of year 2 if they completed year 1. The rules about unspent funds, carryover, no cost extensions information will be taken back to clarify specifications.</i></p> <p><i>"If a practice committed 6 months into the 2-year program, does the 2-year timeframe start then or does the practice lose six months of possible program time?"</i> <i>There are rules about the carryover of funds, holding off on answering until we learn more.</i></p> <p><i>"What are the new positions?" In the portal most are Community Health Workers, the next highest number of workers are the Social Workers.</i></p> <p><i>Question from Thom Walsh – re: He was unaware of all the open positions and wants to help in any way he can help. Dr. Saroyan responded that all PMs and their contact information is on the website under Contact Us. Thom can reach out to Program Managers and vice versa to share posting links.</i></p>	
		John Saroyan	<p><i>c. <u>Year Two CHT Expansion Pilot Attestation</u></i></p> <p><i>BP will build upon the commitment that practices made in the first year during the second year of the pilot; Program Design and Measurement and Evaluation workgroups will meet in February.</i></p> <p><i>Attestation for participation were due for the first year was August to December. Decisions for year two will need to be made at the beginning of April 2024 to set up payments for the second year.</i></p>	
		Erin Just	<p><i>The Quality Improvement Facilitator Request for Proposals has been (re)posted on the Vermont Bid System. We are seeking up to 4.0 FTE of QI Facilitation for the Specialized MH/BH Integration roles.</i></p> <p><i>Blueprint is partnering with Care Transformation Collaborative–Rhode Island Behavioral Health Integration Training Team (Dr. Nelly Burdette) to establish foundational knowledge and professional skills practice as preparation for individuals delivering QI facilitation for Mental Health and SUD integration at primary care sites.</i></p> <p><i>Practices that are participating in CHT expansion are asked to meet monthly with QI Facilitators. Focus varies for each</i></p>	

			<p><i>practice, but in general, QI efforts related to CHT expansion include:</i></p> <p><i>CHT Chart Review Analysis, hiring planning, and implementation and quality improvement activities for Screening, CHT Utilization/Integration, and community referral pathways.</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Monique Thompson has met with three HSAs. Her current focus is scoping work for QI Academic Detailing offerings, will be piloting community QI interventions and AD offerings later in the year.</i></p> <p><i>Central Office is in early stages of Learning Collaborative Planning for 2024, topic TBD</i></p> <p><i>QI facilitators will be collaborating with DULCE sites/VCHIP Quality improvement Coach to support pediatric practices to have a cohesive process for the young patients and their families/caregivers who are identified to have mental health, substance use, and social determinant of health needs.</i></p>	
		Ilisa Stalberg	<p><i><u>Pediatric Model & DULCE Update</u> on where they are with DULCE and pediatrics in general. Memorandum of Understanding between Family and Child Health (FCH) and the Blueprint Team is in place.</i></p> <p><i>The Team (which includes FCH, AAP, Parent Child Center leadership, and Blueprint central team) has started to sketch out what they want to see in pediatric practices starting in early childhood. A series of learning opportunities for BP staff, understanding the Touchpoints approach, understanding the early childhood system and how practices can connect with the early childhood programs. The approach will also address how we screen for social determinants of health in the context of relationship and what's the best way for families with additional needs to get the right support. Major focus is on building the relationship between medical homes and early childhood system of care.</i></p> <p><i>DULCE has five out of six practices established and serving patients while actively working to finalize the 6th site, using funding by the BP expansion dollars. Have three additional DULCE practices funded by a federal HRSA grant: Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood in St. Albans, St. Johnsbury, and Burlington.</i></p>	
		Julie Parker	<p><i>d.</i></p> <p><i><u>Education & Training</u>: The expansion proposal has not yet been posted and is in the stages of being finalized by the BP</i></p>	

			<p><i>Team. Complementing the CARE series, a valuable source of remote learning, and an in-person conference in June.</i></p> <p><u>CARE Series</u></p>	
4	Blueprint Manual Appendix	Mara Donohue	<p><i>This is the 2nd Executive Committee meeting where the appendix has been noted; having received a few clarifying questions but no comments, the Appendix language will be posted today, January 18th.</i></p> <p><i>Will work on updating the entire BP manual over the next few months and announced if anyone notices any information that needs updating, please keep a list or notify Mara.</i></p>	<u>Blueprint Manual Appendix</u>
	Added Announcements	John Saroyan	<p><i>Suggested for those who haven't, please save the BP website News to your favorites bar on your browser to keep up with Blueprint. Dr Saroyan also thank Katja Evans, Randolph Program Manager for her service to the Blueprint and best wishes in her future endeavors.</i></p>	<u>Blueprint for Health News</u>
	Careers/CHT Positions	Diana Gibbs	<p><i>Diana posted the careers page link in the chat and specified CHT positions are located under the expansion.</i></p>	<u>Workforce Now ADP Recruitment</u>
5.	Next Executive Committee Meeting	John Saroyan	<p><i>The next Blueprint Executive Committee meeting will be: March 21st, 2024, 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM</i></p> <p><i>*In-person meeting – May 16th, 2024, at the Waterbury State Complex in the Sally Fox conference room. It is important to RSVP as a list of all attendees is required for security.</i></p>	