

Vermont Blueprint for Health Executive Committee Meeting

Facilitator: Dr. John Saroyan

Meeting Recorder: Nichole Bachand-Bartlett

Date: September 19, 2024

Time: 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Where: Virtual / Teams

Conference Room: n/a

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Agenda:

1. Welcome and thank yous
 - Erin Aiken
 - Denise Smith
2. In person HSA visits updates
Randolph (Aug 21), Bennington (Sept 5), Newport (Sept 11), St Johnsbury (Sept 13), Middlebury (Oct 11), Burlington (Oct 30), Windsor (TBD)
3. Education and Training Opportunities
4. Recruitment for CHT Expansion surveys and interviews
5. Blueprint Manual updates
6. CHT Expansion Quality Activities – Academic Detailing, CHT Learning Collaborative, and SDOH Screening Results
7. DULCE sites/Pediatric Model update

Next Executive Committee Meeting:

November 21, 2024

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM via TEAMS

Please make plans to attend the 2025 IN-PERSON Executive Committee meeting on May 15.

Executive Committee Member Attendees

Anje Van Berckelaer, Lori Vadakin, Jessa Barnard, Michelle Wade, Grace Gilbert-Davis, Deana Chase, Gretchen Pembroke, Thom Walsh

Non-Committee Member Attendees

Aimil Parmelee, Clarke Collins, Diana Gibbs, Constance Gavin, Nicole Hamlet, Hannah Ancel, Laura Harris, Pat Jones, Kathleen Boyd, Kim Fitzgerald, Kristen Kolar, Kristen Bigelow, Julianne Krulewitz, Mandy Chapman, Sarah McLain, Meredith Milligan, Pam Biron, Laura Pentenrieder, Derek Raynes, Ryan Torres, Todd Salvesvold, Sierra Bishop, Kerry Sullivan, Ellen Talbert, Thomasena Coates, Monique Thompson, Tom Dougherty, Emelia Wollenburg, Aaron Kelly, Anthony Knox, Caitlin Descovich O'Hare, Courtney Borland, Courtney O'Brien, Erin Aiken, Michelle Farnsworth, Merideth Drude, Kiah Palumbo, Stuart May, Sydra Cooperdock, Tracy Thomasson

Blueprint Central Office Staff Attendees

Addie Armstrong, Nichole Bachand, Caleb Denton, Mara Donohue, Jennifer Herwood, Erin Just, Julie Parker, John M. Saroyan, Kara Hooper

Agenda Topic 1: Welcome and Thank Yous

Presenter: John Saroyan

Notes:

- Welcome to Erin Aiken, new Program Manager for the Windsor Health Service Area
- Thank you to Denise Smith and Mandy Chapman for their Program Manager Leadership in the St. Albans and Newport Health Service Areas, respectively.

Agenda Topic 2: In-Person HSA Site Visit Updates

Presenter: John Saroyan

Notes:

Dr. Saroyan, Mara Donohue and Julie Parker are doing in-person site visits in Randolph (Aug 21), Bennington (Sept 5), Newport (Sept 11), St Johnsbury (Sept 13), Middlebury (Oct 11), Burlington (Oct 30), Windsor (January or February 2026). The selection of Health Service Areas has been based on new or interim Program Manager leadership since 2022.

Regarding the Community Health Team Expansion two-year pilot all HSAs have hired staff; the pilot has expanded CHT FTE by 45%. Many stories of the positive effect on people served are shared during the in-person visits.

Agenda Topic 3: Education and Training Opportunities

Presenter: Julie Parker and Kara Hooper

Links: [Blueprint for Health - Education and Training Page](#)

Notes:

There have been significant updates to the Education and Training page on the Blueprint website. Topics are based on Blueprint's 2023 survey of the field staff's preferences for topics. For example, the Center for Health and Learning is being funded by the Blueprint CHT Expansion pilot to provide Community Health Worker and Community Health Worker supervisor learning opportunities to as many people around the state as possible through in person sessions; there are virtual options for a variety of new Lunch and Learn Webinars, as well as DULCE Pediatric trainings, Pride Center trainings, CHW and CHW Supervisor trainings and more.

Agenda Topic 4: Recruitment for CHT Expansion surveys and interviews

Presenter: Addie Armstrong

Links: [VT Blueprint for Health Analysis](#)

Notes:

The CHT Expansion Pilot evaluation is ongoing using the framework determined by the Evaluation workgroup. We have a number of concurrent evaluation activities occurring - quantitative claims analysis, surveys, focus groups, interviews, and chart reviews - to assist us with answering all of the questions identified for evaluation.

Currently, Quality Improvement facilitators and practices are preparing for a 2nd chart review and our quantitative contractor is working on analyzing claims data.

Qualitative contractor is assisting in gathering important input from stakeholders. The surveys are going well and will close at the end of September. Anyone who's on the working side of it can get the link and fill it out.

We've had a harder time recruiting people for interviews. Looking for more people to give 15-minute or so in-depth interviews.

The link provided above leads to a scheduling slot to book an interview. If you have been involved with the CHT expansion, please provide feedback and encourage those you know to do so as well. We can't make this better without your input! Thank you for recruiting and we value your feedback.

Agenda Topic 5: Blueprint Manual Updates

Presenter: Mara Donohue

Links: [VT Blueprint for Health Manual \(updated\) DRAFT](#)

Notes:

Working on updating the Blueprint Manual as it's been a couple of years since an official update. We are required not only to post proposed changes for public comment but to also submit it to the Executive Committee twice.

The Executive Committee (and stakeholders) will receive an email with the draft at noon today. Comments will be reviewed, considered and where possible incorporated before being presented again at the November 21st Executive Committee meeting.

Some of the high-level changes:

- Verbiage changes:
 - Women's Health Initiative (WHI) changes to Pregnancy Intention Initiative (PII)
 - Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) changes to Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD)
- Changes to spoke payments. (Payments are now annual rather than quarterly.)
- Generalizing some of the specifics to be more representative to the Blueprint support healthcare reform.
- No changes in the appendices.

During the first round of edits the group should focus on content areas rather than style. as we are still working on that. Please submit comments to me via email (mara.donohue@vermont.gov) over the next 30 days (by October 21st) to provide time to finalize and prepare for November's Executive Committee meeting.

Agenda Topic 5: CHT Expansion Quality Pilots – Academic Detailing, CHT Learning Collaborative, and SDOH Screening Results

Presenter: Monique Thompson, ND CPHQ

Links: [CHT Expansion Quality Pilots Presentation](#)

Notes:

- **Academic Detailing:** Based on provider survey of needs and extensive literature review (reviewed by MD peers), we are offering a focused educational outreach pilot to Providers and Clinicians for integrating evidence into practice related to Conventional, Complementary, and Alternative Medical Approaches into Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Treatment
- **Regional Learning Collaborative:** A pilot collaborative has been completed that focused on sharing CHT practices in a model of peer-to-peer learning to identify promising practices, identify challenges to jointly problem-solve, and support participating communities to adapt changes to their specific needs/contexts. Report and recommendations are in process for how to expand Statewide. The collaborative focused on:
 - Hiring and Job Descriptions
 - Orientation & Training
 - Documentation Practices
 - Outcome Measurements
 - Caseload Management and Workload Tracking
 - Encounter Tracking
 - Referral Criteria
 - Discharge Criteria

- **Social Determinants of Health (SDOH) Screening Data Analysis:** Year 2 CHT Expansion practices were asked to submit a spreadsheet current state screening practices late spring/early summer of 2024. Presentation objective is to present high-level analysis of the information received and answer questions. Blueprint field leadership will review in depth on October 7th.
 - **Data Overview**
 - 114 practices submitted a current state screening spreadsheet = represents 89% of Blueprint PCMHs
 - Screening populations:
 - Pediatric and Adult Patients – practices were asked to comment on if/how they are collecting information across 17 domains/categories
 - Family & Caregivers – practices were asked to comment on if/how they are collecting information across 6 domains
 - Data reflects whether or not the practice is collecting data for each screening population domain AND whether the practice is using one of the recommended standardized tools or a different tool for collecting screening results.
 - Across the entire state, just over half of all possible domains were being screened for and when screenings were occurring, just over 75% were screening using a recommended tool.
 - Data presented highlights opportunities for key focus areas to improve screening rates across the state (e.g. substance use, suicide, pregnancy intention, certain SDOH factors) and potential priority populations of focus (e.g. parents/caregivers)
 - Rates by Health Service Area and by facility type were also presented, notably:
 - Independent multi-sites practices were conducting the most domains of screens, followed by FQHCs
 - Independent multi-site practices were using the highest relative percentage of preferred tools, followed by hospital-owned facilities.
 - FQHC’s had significant Bright Future Tool Use – 297 of all 464 alternate tools (64%) are Bright Futures and PRAPARE utilization – 59 of 464 alternate tools (12.7%)

Questions/Comments:

Question: Jessa Barnard - How did you define ‘capture of data’?

Answer: Monique - It varied; practices capture in either EMR or paper form. We mostly reviewed what information was captured, not how it was captured.

Question: What was the time interval?

Answer: John – The tool asked practices to report on what was happening at the time of completing the form (following signing Year 2 CHT Expansion Pilot attestation). A large amount of data was collected in late spring/early summer and the information started coming into the Blueprint Central Office in late May early June. Analysis has been underway since July.

Comment: John – We are grateful and impressed by the participation and screening, for example – the extent to which mental health is occurring - within the first year of the expansion; we recognize the extensive work this represents that practices are doing to screen, to share this information back with us, and to continue working towards implementing other domains and preferred tools. Thank you to all!

Agenda Topic 6. DULCE sites/Pediatric Model update

Presenter: Laura Pentenreider

Links: [DULCE Updates](#)

Notes:

DULCE is expanding to nine sites across the state of Vermont. Six sites are primarily funded by Blueprint and three are funded by Transforming Pediatrics for Early Childhood (TPEC), a 4-year HRSA cooperative agreement.

Vermont Pediatric Model Training schedule will kick off September 26th and will be held about once a month until July 2025.

Timberlane North Avenue, the final Blueprint DULCE site's Family specialist position is posted, and they are reviewing resumes.

Family specialists are in place at all DULCE sites except North Avenue.

St. Johnsbury is working on a kickoff meeting.

Family Advisory Council representation from all five implementing sites. The goal is to have two advisors per DULCE site.

The annual all site DULCE meeting will be held December 2nd with a focus on family engagement.

Announcement: Please plan ahead for the May 15th, 2025, In-Person Executive Committee Meeting.