

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Fiscal Committee

FROM: Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health
Simone Rueschemeyer, Executive Director, Vermont Care Network/Vermont Care Partners

RE: Update on Electronic Health Record (EHR) Implementation

DATE: September 13, 2019

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the Joint Fiscal Committee that, at the recommendation of the Joint Fiscal Office, the Agency of Human Services (AHS) and Vermont Care Partners (VCP) will provide a report back to the Committee in November to address the questions posed by the Committee regarding the Designated Agencies electronic health record (EHR) implementation.

The purpose of the report will be to respond in detail to the questions brought forth during the August meeting; including:

- Accountability & Project Management
- External Review Opportunities & Recommendations
- Connectivity to the Vermont Health Information Exchange
- Fiscal Considerations
 - Short term and long term

Dan Smith's assessment of the initial DA Electronic Health Record report submitted in August will guide and inform additional content for the report. In the meantime, Simone Rueschemeyer, ED of Vermont Care Network/Vermont Care Partners will be working with the Designated Agencies to develop a format for a quarterly report for review in November that will track implementation activity against expectations to support accountability for the investment of public funds.

We appreciate the interest and commitment of the Joint Fiscal Committee in improving the technological infrastructure of designated agencies which will promote quality of care and the ability to measure the value and effectiveness of our system of care.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

