



## Interstate Telehealth Working Group

July 20, 2021

Approved Minutes

### Members Present:

Agatha Kessler, Office of Professional Regulation

Anne Culp, Veterinarian

Brian Duffy, Northeast Delta Dental

Cathy Fulton, Executive Director, VPQHC

Chris Moldovan, Nutrition and a Wellness Director at Age Well

Christine Ryan, Vermont State Nurses Association

Christopher Gilding, Telehealth Program Strategist, The University of Vermont Medical Center

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Board of Medical Practice

Devon Green, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Dillon Burns, Vermont Care Partners

Erin Carmichael, Director of Quality Management, Department of Vermont Health Access

Georgia Maheras, Vice President, Policy and Strategy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Hilary Wolfey, VPQHC

Jeanne Kennedy, Cigna

Jennifer Rotblatt, Office of Professional Regulation

Jill Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Jim Huitt, Board of Psychological Examiners

Josh Plavin, Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont

Ken Lawenda, Board of Optometry

Kent Henderson, President, Northwest Veterinary Associates

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation

Lauren Layman, Office of Professional Regulation

Linda Waite-Simpson, Vermont Veterinary Medical Association

Lynn Stanley, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers

Matt Capuano, MVP Healthcare

Meredith Roberts, Executive Director, American Nursing Association

Michele Degree, Green Mountain Care Board

Mike Sommers, Board of Chiropractic

Nicole Hackney, DNP- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Patricia Breneman, Vermont Department of Health

Patrick Gallivan, Executive Director, Vermont State Dental Society

Rebecca Copans, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont

Reid Plimpton, NorthEast Telehealth Resource Center

Robin Miller, Director of Oral Health, Vermont Department of Health

Sam Peisch, Health Care Advocate

Sarah Kessler, University of Vermont Health Network

Scott Strenio, Chief Medical Officer, Medicaid at State of Vermont

Stephanie Winters, Deputy Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society  
Tammy Austin, Board of Allied Mental Health  
Todd Young, University of Vermont Health Network  
William Keithcart, Vermont Addiction Professionals Association

### **I. Minute Approval**

The Working Group convened and approved the June 29<sup>th</sup> minutes with modifications to member names and titles. Lynn Stanley moved to approve the minutes, Ken Lawenda seconded the motion and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **III. Sub-Groups Overview**

The Working Group discussed the sub-group survey results and identified the following facilitators:

The sub-groups and facilitators are:

1. Telehealth Licenses: Jessa Barnard
2. National Licensure Compacts: Ken Lawenda
3. Regional Reciprocity Agreements: Sarah Kessler
4. Waiver of Licensure: Lynn Stanley
5. Other Policy Options & International Practice: Christopher Gilding

The group further discussed process and that the first meeting of each subgroup would convene before the end of the month.

### **IV. Licensing Regulation & Telehealth**

Lauren Layman walked the group through a presentation on licensing regulation and telehealth. The group discussed the benefits and concerns regarding interstate compacts, reciprocity and endorsement, telehealth licenses, waiver of licensure and other policy mechanisms.

The Working Group discussed data provided by the University of Vermont Health Network showing patient location for both audio and video visits. This data may be used as a proxy to better understand which states the Working Group might consider when discussing interstate policies. Todd Young from UVMHN clarified that:

- The data patient location distribution is based on patient demographic information in the UVMHN medical record and was not confirmed that patient was in that location at the time of the visit.
- The visit data is from UVMHN Vermont ambulatory practices and does not include ambulatory from our NYS practices.

### **V. Next Steps**

Sub-group facilitators will schedule first meetings before the end of the month. The next Interstate Telehealth Working Group meeting will be held on August 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 – 12:00 at which time sub-groups will give a status report.