

**Interstate Telehealth Working Group**

November 17, 2021

Minutes

**Members Present:**

Agatha Kessler, Office of Professional Regulation

Anne Culp, Vermont Veterinary Medicine Association

Becky Lewandoski

Carrie Phillips, Office of Professional Regulation

Cathy Fulton, VPQHC

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Board of Medical Practice

Debora Teixeira, Vermont Department of Health

Dustin Reidlein

Dillon Burns, Vermont Care Partners

Erika Wolffing,

Hillary Hill, Medicaid Policy Analyst, DVHA

Jim Huitt

Julie Adams

Kelsi Alger, Office of Professional Regulation

Ken Lawenda, Board of Optometry

Kirke McVay, Vermont Mental Health Counselor

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation

Lauren Layman, Office of Professional Regulation

Lucie Garand, MMR

Lynn Stanley, Executive Director, National Association of Social Workers – Vermont

Meredith Roberts, ANA Vermont

Michele Degree, Green Mountain Care Board

Reid Plimpton, NorthEast Telehealth Resource Center

Sarah Kessler, University of Vermont Health Network

Todd Young, University of Vermont Health Network

**I. Minute Approval**

The Working Group convened and approved the November 10th minutes.

**II. Report Draft Review**

Lauren Layman went over the report draft with the group. She will be adding a federal and state-by-state efforts spreadsheet so that the Legislature can reference what other states are doing.

Clarification was made on the following points: Registration should allow for 10 patients total for the duration of the registration. The 120-day duration begins at the time of registration.

It was discussed that the provider of telehealth services should inform their client that they should also be pursuing in person care. The group made a motion to not require in person visits, but to keep in state standard of care. The motion was made by Jessa Barnard and seconded by Todd Young. Motion Passed.

**III. Next Steps**

Send comments on draft report to Lauren Layman by 11/23/21. Final report will be sent to the group by Thanksgiving or the Monday after. The Dec 1st meeting will be the final review.