

AMENDMENT

It is agreed by and between the State of Vermont, Department of Vermont Health Access (hereafter called the "State") and Martha Stitelman (hereafter called the "Contractor") that the contract on the subject of health care reform consulting, effective February 1, 2012, is hereby amended effective September 1, 2012, as follows:

1. By deleting the following phrase from Section 1 of Attachment A on page 3 of 14:

technical systems

2. By deleting Section 3 of Attachment A on pages 3-4 of 14, and substituting in lieu thereof the following Section 3:

3. The Contractor will prepare two separate reports, addressing each of these goals.

- Report 1 will summarize the result of research and focus groups including people who receive or have received LTC, their caregivers and guardians (public and private) that outline gaps within LTC communication. Report 1 shall be submitted to the State no later than July 31st , 2012.
- Report 2 will summarize current and recent research and industry trials, and outline strategies and solutions that the State can consider as it improves LTC communication. Report 2 shall be submitted to the State no later than December 31st , 2012.

Specific areas to be included in each of the Reports are:

- Discovery and documentation of significant communication gaps and anecdotal examples of consequences associated with these gaps;
- Identification of meaningful data elements of interest to share between LTC and other health care providers and institutions (including some or all of: Area Agencies on Aging, Home Health Agencies, Designated Agencies, Providers of Traumatic Brain Injury Services, ARIS (for people who self-direct), the Blueprint Community Health Teams, primary care and specialty provider practices, Support and Services at Home program (SASH) sites, the State of Vermont Agency of Human Services (AHS), and others with whom the LTC community interacts).
- References, links, white papers or other materials providing an indication of the current best practices related to LTC data sharing.

3. By deleting Section 5 of Attachment A on page 4 of 14, and substituting in lieu thereof the following Section 5:

5. Contractor will conduct interviews with a selection of the following stakeholders, to provide a basis for the Reports described in Deliverable #3 and guide additional scopes of work. Where Titles or individuals are indicated the interviews may be conducted instead with referrals. The selection should include at least half of those listed:

1. The Blueprint senior management (Craig Jones, MD and/or Lisa Watkins, MD);

2. One or more of the Blueprint Assistant Directors (Pat Jones, Beth Tanzman, Jenney Samuelson)
 3. Members of the Blueprint regional Community Health Teams
 4. The Commissioner of the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) (Susan Wehry, MD)
 5. The Deputy Commissioner of DAIL who manages State Unit on Aging and Disabilities (Camille George)
 6. The Director of the Division of Disability and Aging Services (DDAS) (Marybeth McCaffrey)
 7. The Director of Data and Planning for Disability and Aging Services (Bard Hill)
 8. Individuals working on LTC HIT in other states, such as PA, RI, and MA.
 9. Staff of the Office of the National Coordinator of HIT working on LTC HIT and Care Transitions projects.
 10. Vermont nursing home, home health, and hospital staff – especially those involved in admissions and discharge (in care transitions).
4. **By adding the following language to Section 1 of Attachment B on page 6 of 14, after the word “quarterly,” :**

or following the submission of deliverables for payment terms based on deliverables.

5. **By deleting both instances of the following date in Section 5 of Attachment B, on page 6 of 14:**

May 30th

And substituting in lieu thereof the following date:

July 31st

6. **By deleting both instances of the following date in Section 5 of Attachment B, on page 6 of 14:**

October 31st

7. **And substituting in lieu thereof the following date:**

December 31st

8. **By deleting Attachment C on pages 7-10 in its entirety, and substituting in lieu thereof the following Attachment C:**

**ATTACHMENT C
CUSTOMARY PROVISIONS FOR CONTRACTS AND GRANTS**

1. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, whether in the form of a Contract, State Funded Grant, or Federally Funded Grant, represents the entire agreement between the parties on the subject matter. All prior agreements, representations, statements, negotiations, and understandings shall have no effect.
2. **Applicable Law.** This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Vermont.

3. **Definitions:** For purposes of this Attachment, "Party" shall mean the Contractor, Grantee or Subrecipient, with whom the State of Vermont is executing this Agreement and consistent with the form of the Agreement.
4. **Appropriations:** If appropriations are insufficient to support this Agreement, the State may cancel on a date agreed to by the parties or upon the expiration or reduction of existing appropriation authority. In the case that this Agreement is funded in whole or in part by federal or other non-State funds, and in the event those funds become unavailable or reduced, the State may suspend or cancel this Agreement immediately, and the State shall have no obligation to fund this Agreement from State revenues.
5. **No Employee Benefits For Party:** The Party understands that the State will not provide any individual retirement benefits, group life insurance, group health and dental insurance, vacation or sick leave, workers compensation or other benefits or services available to State employees, nor will the state withhold any state or federal taxes except as required under applicable tax laws, which shall be determined in advance of execution of the Agreement. The Party understands that all tax returns required by the Internal Revenue Code and the State of Vermont, including but not limited to income, withholding, sales and use, and rooms and meals, must be filed by the Party, and information as to Agreement income will be provided by the State of Vermont to the Internal Revenue Service and the Vermont Department of Taxes.
6. **Independence, Liability:** The Party will act in an independent capacity and not as officers or employees of the State.

The Party shall defend the State and its officers and employees against all claims or suits arising in whole or in part from any act or omission of the Party or of any agent of the Party. The State shall notify the Party in the event of any such claim or suit, and the Party shall immediately retain counsel and otherwise provide a complete defense against the entire claim or suit. The Party shall notify its insurance company and the State within 10 days of receiving any claim for damages, notice of claims, pre-claims, or service of judgments or claims, for any act or omissions in the performance of this Agreement.

After a final judgment or settlement the Party may request recoupment of specific defense costs and may file suit in Washington Superior Court requesting recoupment. The Party shall be entitled to recoup costs only upon a showing that such costs were entirely unrelated to the defense of any claim arising from an act or omission of the Party.

The Party shall indemnify the State and its officers and employees in the event that the State, its officers or employees become legally obligated to pay any damages or losses arising from any act or omission of the Party.

7. **Insurance:** Before commencing work on this Agreement the Party must provide certificates of insurance to show that the following minimum coverage is in effect. It is the responsibility of the Party to maintain current certificates of insurance on file with the state through the term of the Agreement. No warranty is made that the coverage and limits listed herein are adequate to cover and protect the interests of the Party for the Party's operations. These are solely minimums that have been established to protect the interests of the State.

Workers Compensation: With respect to all operations performed, the Party shall carry workers' compensation insurance in accordance with the laws of the State of Vermont.

General Liability and Property Damage: With respect to all operations performed under the Agreement, the Party shall carry general liability insurance having all major divisions of coverage including, but not limited to:

Premises - Operations
Products and Completed Operations
Personal Injury Liability
Contractual Liability

The policy shall be on an occurrence form and limits shall not be less than:

\$1,000,000 Per Occurrence
\$1,000,000 General Aggregate
\$1,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate
\$ 50,000 Fire/ Legal/Liability

Party shall name the State of Vermont and its officers and employees as additional insureds for liability arising out of this Agreement.

Automotive Liability: The Party shall carry automotive liability insurance covering all motor vehicles, including hired and non-owned coverage, used in connection with the Agreement. Limits of coverage shall not be less than: \$1,000,000 combined single limit.

Party shall name the State of Vermont and its officers and employees as additional insureds for liability arising out of this Agreement.

Professional Liability: Before commencing work on this Agreement and throughout the term of this Agreement, the Party shall procure and maintain professional liability insurance for any and all services performed under this Agreement, with minimum coverage of \$N/A per occurrence, and \$N/A aggregate.

8. **Reliance by the State on Representations:** All payments by the State under this Agreement will be made in reliance upon the accuracy of all prior representations by the Party, including but not limited to bills, invoices, progress reports and other proofs of work.

9. **Requirement to Have a Single Audit:** In the case that this Agreement is a Grant that is funded in whole or in part by federal funds, and if this Subrecipient expends \$500,000 or more in federal assistance during its fiscal year, the Subrecipient is required to have a single audit conducted in accordance with the Single Audit Act, except when it elects to have a program specific audit.

The Subrecipient may elect to have a program specific audit if it expends funds under only one federal program and the federal program's laws, regulating or grant agreements do not require a financial statement audit of the Party.

A Subrecipient is exempt if the Party expends less than \$500,000 in total federal assistance in one year.

The Subrecipient will complete the Certification of Audit Requirement annually within 45 days after its fiscal year end. If a single audit is required, the sub-recipient will submit a copy of the audit report to the primary pass-through Party and any other pass-through Party that requests it

within 9 months. If a single audit is not required, the Subrecipient will submit the Schedule of Federal Expenditures within 45 days. These forms will be mailed to the Subrecipient by the Department of Finance and Management near the end of its fiscal year. These forms are also available on the Finance & Management Web page at: <http://finance.vermont.gov/forms>

10. **Records Available for Audit:** The Party will maintain all books, documents, payroll papers, accounting records and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred under this agreement and make them available at reasonable times during the period of the Agreement and for three years thereafter for inspection by any authorized representatives of the State or Federal Government. If any litigation, claim, or audit is started before the expiration of the three year period, the records shall be retained until all litigation, claims or audit findings involving the records have been resolved. The State, by any authorized representative, shall have the right at all reasonable times to inspect or otherwise evaluate the work performed or being performed under this Agreement.
11. **Fair Employment Practices and Americans with Disabilities Act:** Party agrees to comply with the requirement of Title 21V.S.A. Chapter 5, Subchapter 6, relating to fair employment practices, to the full extent applicable. Party shall also ensure, to the full extent required by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, that qualified individuals with disabilities receive equitable access to the services, programs, and activities provided by the Party under this Agreement. Party further agrees to include this provision in all subcontracts.
12. **Set Off:** The State may set off any sums which the Party owes the State against any sums due the Party under this Agreement; provided, however, that any set off of amounts due the State of Vermont as taxes shall be in accordance with the procedures more specifically provided hereinafter.
13. **Taxes Due to the State:**
 - a. Party understands and acknowledges responsibility, if applicable, for compliance with State tax laws, including income tax withholding for employees performing services within the State, payment of use tax on property used within the State, corporate and/or personal income tax on income earned within the State.
 - b. Party certifies under the pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date the Agreement is signed, the Party is in good standing with respect to, or in full compliance with, a plan to pay any and all taxes due the State of Vermont.
 - c. Party understands that final payment under this Agreement may be withheld if the Commissioner of Taxes determines that the Party is not in good standing with respect to or in full compliance with a plan to pay any and all taxes due to the State of Vermont.
 - d. Party also understands the State may set off taxes (and related penalties, interest and fees) due to the State of Vermont, but only if the Party has failed to make an appeal within the time allowed by law, or an appeal has been taken and finally determined and the Party has no further legal recourse to contest the amounts due.
14. **Child Support:** (Applicable if the Party is a natural person, not a corporation or partnership.) Party states that, as of the date the Agreement is signed, he/she:
 - a. is not under any obligation to pay child support; or
 - b. is under such an obligation and is in good standing with respect to that obligation; or

- c. has agreed to a payment plan with the Vermont Office of Child Support Services and is in full compliance with that plan.

Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in Vermont. In addition, if the Party is a resident of Vermont, Party makes this statement with regard to support owed to any and all children residing in any other state or territory of the United States.

- 15. Sub-Agreements:** Party shall not assign, subcontract or subgrant the performance of his Agreement or any portion thereof to any other Party without the prior written approval of the State. Party also agrees to include in subcontract or subgrant agreements a tax certification in accordance with paragraph 13 above.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the State agrees that the Party may assign this agreement, including all of the Party's rights and obligations hereunder, to any successor in interest to the Party arising out of the sale of or reorganization of the Party.

- 16. No Gifts or Gratuities:** Party shall not give title or possession of any thing of substantial value (including property, currency, travel and/or education programs) to any officer or employee of the State during the term of this Agreement.
- 17. Copies:** All written reports prepared under this Agreement will be printed using both sides of the paper.
- 18. Certification Regarding Debarment:** Party certifies under pains and penalties of perjury that, as of the date that this Agreement is signed, neither Party nor Party's principals (officers, directors, owners, or partners) are presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or excluded from participation in federal programs or programs supported in whole or in part by federal funds.
- 19. Certification Regarding Use of State Funds:** In the case that Party is an employer and this Agreement is a State Funded Grant in excess of \$1,001, Party certifies that none of these State funds will be used to interfere with or restrain the exercise of Party's employee's rights with respect to unionization.

State of Vermont – Attachment C
Revised AHS – 7-1-2012

This amendment consists of 6 pages. Except as modified by this amendment and any previous amendments, all provisions of this contract, (#21189) dated shall remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

STATE OF VERMONT
DEPARTMENT OF VERMONT HEALTH ACCESS

CONTRACTOR
MARTHA STITELMAN

MARK LARSON, COMMISSIONER

DATE

MARTHA STITELMAN

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