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Re: 2020 Update to the 2018-2022 HIE Strategic Plan

Dear Chair Mullin,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment to the Green Mountain Care Board on the 2020 Update to the 2018-2022 HIE Strategic Plan. As a member of the HIE Steering Committee, I support the updates proposed in this submission.

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Over the past several months, the Department of Vermont Health Access has fully engaged the HIE Steering Committee in the proposed updates to the HIE Strategic Plan. Their process was thoughtful and inclusive and notably accommodated the changing environment that we are all presented with at this time.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments and please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at gmaheras@bistatepca.org or 802-229-0002 ext. 218.

Best,



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