

Name of Proposed Regional WEDI SNIP Affiliate:
New Hampshire-Vermont Strategic HIPAA Implementation Plan (NHVSHIP)

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Primary Local, State or Region(s) covered:
New Hampshire and Vermont

Meeting location(s) and time(s):
Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH & VA Medical Center, White River Junction, VT
Meetings are monthly (days and time vary)

Convening/facilitating organization:
New Hampshire Hospital Association, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems and Blue Cross Blue Shield of VT

RSA Web site URL:
www.nhvship.org

Key leadership contacts and organizations:
Kathy Bizarro, Executive Vice President, New Hampshire Hospital Association
Greg Farnum, Vice President, Vermont Assn of Hospitals and Health Systems
Paul Zengilowski, Blue Cross Blue Shield of VT

Governance protocols:
NHVSHIP is a volunteer organization of hospitals, physicians, other healthcare providers, health plans, state health departments, and vendors. There are no membership dues or voting rights. Membership is open to any organization that expresses a desire to work in a collaborative, non-commercial environment.

Membership list (optional):
Our membership list is maintained in a listserv which has approx. 450+ names.

150 Word description of RSA's goals and objectives (as would appear in the WEDI SNIP Web Site).
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NHVSHIP is a combination of the existing activities of VSHIP (Vermont Strategic HIPAA Implementation Plan)-developed by BCBSVT and VT Assn of Hospitals and Health Systems - and NHHA (New Hampshire Hospital Association). We agreed that by working together we could accomplish many goals by spreading the wealth of knowledge and expertise. HIPAA has no state boundaries and New Hampshire and Vermont providers and health plans have a lot to share with each other.

NHVSHIP is run by a Steering Committee and has four work groups: Privacy, Security, Transaction & Code Sets, and Education & Awareness.