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# Commonwealth of Virginia DURSA: A Trust Framework for Enterprise Information Exchange

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## Presentation Agenda

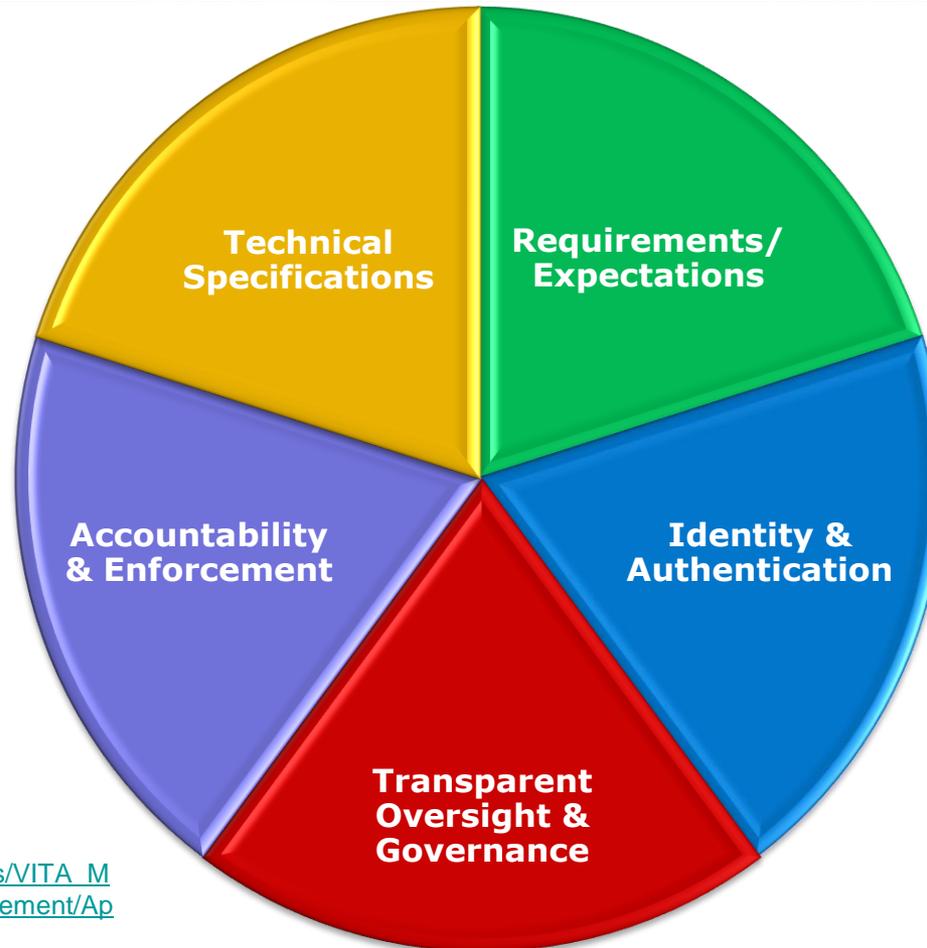
- Elements of a Data Use and Reciprocal Support Agreement (DURSA)
- Background on the Secretarial Committee on Data Sharing and its recommendations
- Current progress toward a Commonwealth of Virginia (COV) DURSA



## What is a DURSA?

- A multi-party trust agreement among participants in the information exchange
- A scalable alternative to multiple “point-to-point” agreements
- A common set of terms and conditions that establish obligations, responsibilities and expectations
- A framework for safe and secure information exchange, designed to promote trust and protect the privacy and security of shared data
- A living document

# DURSA Elements



Source: Gravely, Steven D. 2011.  
[http://www.vita.virginia.gov/uploadedFiles/VITA\\_Main\\_Public/EAD/Enterprise\\_Data\\_Management/AppendixC\\_DURSA\\_overview.pdf](http://www.vita.virginia.gov/uploadedFiles/VITA_Main_Public/EAD/Enterprise_Data_Management/AppendixC_DURSA_overview.pdf)



## DURSA as a Governance Model

- Attributes of a DURSA that support the governance of inter-organizational/interagency relationships
  - Governance model based on trust, shared expectations and agreed-upon performance requirements
  - Shared decision-making by a coordinating committee consisting of participants
  - Scalable agreement and implementing policies, standards, guidelines and procedures to support growth in the participant network



## Secretarial Committee on Data Sharing

- Initiated by the Secretary of Health and Human Resources and the Secretary of Technology in August 2011
- Explored potential for a COV DURSA modeled on the federal DURSA, which supports the Nationwide Health Information Network (NwHIN)
- Prepared a set of recommendations to drive the next phase of the COV DURSA process
- For more information on the committee, visit <http://www.vita.virginia.gov/oversight/default.aspx?id=6442470188>



## Committee Recommendations

- ***Recommendation 1:*** Issue an executive-level directive to COV agencies to establish a trust-agreement framework in support of enterprise data sharing
- ***Recommendation 2:*** Form a governance committee ... to develop, implement and maintain a trust-agreement framework for the Commonwealth

## Committee Recommendations

- **Recommendation 3:** Identify applicable legal, regulatory and policy constraints impacting data sharing and orient the trust-agreement framework to comply with applicable requirements
- **Recommendation 4:** Identify legal requirements for informed consent and authorization and design the trust-agreement framework to comply with these requirements



## Committee Recommendations

- **Recommendation 5:** Develop policies, standards, guidelines and procedures to govern the operations, onboarding, maintenance, breach resolution and certification processes associated with the implementation of the trust-agreement framework



## DURSA Working Group

- Currently drafting COV DURSA based on the federal DURSA
- Building on input provided by business, technical and legal leads from across participating COV agencies
- Finalizing DURSA by July 2012 with the legislative package ready to be submitted in August 2012 for the General Assembly's 2013 session



## Questions?

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