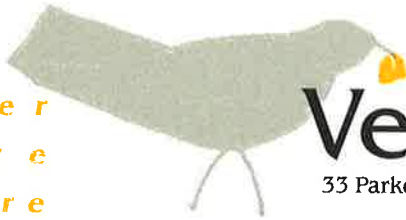


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November 26, 2018

Green Mountain Care Board
144 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

Re: One Care Vermont Budget

Dear Chairman Mullin and Board Members,

The Vermont Foodbank is writing to offer our support to OneCare Vermont (OneCare) as part of the 2019 budget approval process. The All Payer ACO Model (APM) states that "CMS and Vermont additionally aim for this Model to deliver meaningful improvements in the health of a state's entire population by transforming the relationships between and amongst care delivery and public health systems across Vermont." OneCare is doing just that. The Vermont Foodbank is proud to be involved in St. Johnsbury's Accountable Community for Health (ACH) approach to healthy people and healthy communities. The St. Johnsbury ACH will be a pilot community in 2019 that will test the role of local innovation in the APM, extend health care reform into community-based services, and invest in community initiatives that drive population health. In addition, one of the Foodbank's outcomes is that "everyone in Vermont is healthy," recognizing the need for adequate nutritious food for people to live healthy lives.

There are promising early indicators that real reform is happening in Vermont. We are proud to be part of this effort as a community-based service with a seat on the OneCare Board of Managers. Improving the health of Vermonters and bringing down the cost of health care requires a full commitment to change and innovation. We hope that full support for OneCare continues in 2019 and beyond.

Sincerely,

John Sayles, CEO

