A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

Submit Time: 11/17/2023

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Topic: Grace Cottage

Comment: Dear Chairman Owen,

I am writing about One Care Vermont.. This is an organization that hardly any Vermonters have even heard of and even fewer who have any idea what they do. I started digging into this and what I found was really really upsetting. First off, when the CEO of One Care came before your Board and you asked about their deliverables and accomplishments and the grossly overpaid CEO could not provide a valid answer. Here are a number of VTDigger articles that also give background on the failure of this organization.

https://vtdigger.org/2021/11/21/rob-hoffman-onecare-requests-more-for-salaries-less-for-mission/ https://vtdigger.org/2020/01/24/tom-pelham-onecare-and-other-vermont-health-care-issues/ https://vtdigger.org/2019/12/05/patrick-flood-by-all-the-numbers-onecare-is-failing/ https://vtdigger.org/2023/02/08/bluecross-withdrawal-from-aco-has-vermonts-primary-care-practices-worried/

This is one of the most troubling statements: Thom Walsh, who was appointed to the board in December, asked OneCare CEO Vicki Loner to name the organization's top three key performance indicators, or metrics of success. Loner declined to name any, saying, "They're going to our board to be reviewed."

I have written CEO Vicki Loner about 10 times asking her to please tell me how she can justify her obscene salary when her entire organization is paid way beyond the norm and their deliverables are abysmal.. Attached please see the salaries of their top executives I obtained from a public records request from their tax return.

And now with Blue Cross pulling out, why do we even have this organization. ???? My feeling is that it was a failure and should be shut down and it is a travesty to the taxpayers to have funded this gravy train for a few people more worried about their salaries than providing better and more affordable health care.

Could you please comment about what I wrote above and what you feel your board will do with One Care Vermont? I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Post Comment: Yes

