

Comments on the One Care Vermont Budget for 2023

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To the Members of the Green Mountain Care Board,

I have listened to the recording of the recent presentations by One Care Vermont on its 2023 budget proposal and also the staff presentation and board discussion on the same.

I am not writing to list detailed problems with the proposal and the performance of One Care. Julie Wasserman's written comments do a masterful job of listing the many issues and failures of One Care and the model.

I am writing to support the comments and proposal made by Chair Owen Foster, member Thom Walsh and member David Murman. It is encouraging to hear, at last, public officials applying the most basic analysis to One Care's dismal performance. It is encouraging to hear them acknowledge that Vermont has spent tens of millions of dollars to support One Care and the people of Vermont have received next to nothing in return.

Indeed it is high time that One Care be held accountable for its many failures. It is an "accountable" care organization that has avoided any accountability. Even in the most recent hearings the leadership of OCV has continued to claim it is not responsible, that it is a "pass through" organization. Vermont does not need yet another expensive, bureaucratic, unaccountable organization.

I fully support, as I am sure many Vermonters do, the effort of Green Mountain Care Board members to finally acknowledge the failure of the model and to take steps, however modest, to hold it accountable.

Sincerely

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