



Choosing Health

NORTHEASTERN VERMONT
REGIONAL HOSPITAL

November 2, 2021

Kevin Mullin, Board Chair
Green Mountain Care Board
144 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear Chair Mullin,

As CEO of Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, I would like to voice our support for OneCare Vermont's proposed FY 2022 budget. NVRH has worked hard over the last few years to create alignment with Vermont's healthcare reform efforts, and we strongly support OneCare and the All-Payer-Model, which is the cornerstone of those reform efforts.

The St. Johnsbury health service area has greatly benefited from the partnership with OneCare, which has enhanced our data analytics, local care coordination, and strengthened partnerships with local care organizations—all of which are resulting in better care for our patients. We worked closely with the OneCare team to develop an alternative, geographic attribution model for Medicaid patients, which has become a standard for Participating OneCare communities. All this work would not be possible without the framework that the All-Payer-Model provides as realized through OneCare.

The need for this structure could not be more evident as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the formidable headwinds that the pandemic poses, the reform work as supported by OneCare has continued. We know that significant growth and maturity of the model is necessary in order to fully transition to a value-based model of healthcare delivery, and our partnerships forged through OneCare are necessary to fully realize the potential of the model.

Support for the OneCare FY 2022 budget will enable this important work to continue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shawn P. Tester", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Shawn P. Tester
CEO