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Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 5:02 PM

To: 'emansfield@vtdigger.org' <emansfield@vtdigger.org>

Subject: FW: Public Records Request -- Office of the Health Care Advocate

Erin, attached please find records in response to your public records act request below. One email exchange between Lawrence Miller, Scott Coriell, Justin Johnson, and Darren Springer that references dental clinic data from the Office of Health Care Advocate's report has been withheld as an executive privileged communication pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(1) & (4). In addition, legislative briefing shared among the Governor's Office staff that references the Office of Health Care Advocate has been withheld under the same basis and under the same exemption. Non-public contact information (email addresses) has been redacted pursuant to 1 VSA 317(c)(7).

If you feel records have been withheld in error you may appeal to the Governor's Chief of Staff, Darren Springer.

Thank you,
Sarah

Miller, Lawrence

From: Miller, Lawrence
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2016 12:06 PM
To: Scott Coriell (Scott.Coriell@vermont.gov); Allen, Susan (Susan.Allen@vermont.gov)
Subject: FW: HCA Quarterly Report for Oct-Dec 2015
Attachments: Health Care Advocate Oct - Dec 2015 Quarterly Report NARRATIVE.pdf; Oct-Dec 2015 All Data.pdf; Oct-Dec 2015 VHC Data.pdf; Oct-Dec 2015 DVHA Data.pdf; Oct-Dec 2015 Commercial Data.pdf; Oct-Dec 2015 Uninsured Data.pdf; Oct-Dec 2015 Activities Summary.pdf; Oct-Dec 2015 Activities Detail.pdf

Some pieces of positive news in here.

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From: Trinka Kerr [mailto:TKerr@vtlegalaid.org]
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2016 11:14 AM
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Cc: Eric Avildsen <EAvildsen@██████████>; David Koeninger <DKoeninger@██████████>; Elizabeth Davis <EDavis@██████████>
Subject: HCA Quarterly Report for Oct-Dec 2015

Here is the Office of the Health Care Advocate's report for the past quarter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

Trinka

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Miller, Lawrence

From: Melamed, Marisa
Sent: Wednesday, February 17, 2016 2:30 PM
To: Backus, Ena; Berliner, Ashley; Chapman, Robin; Clark, Hope; Coburn, Susan; Costa, Michael; Costantino, Steven; DeLong, Danielle; Dragon, Paul; Dudley, Jahala; Frazer, Dylan; Fuoco, Danielle; Green, Devon; Gregorek, Sarah; Hentcy, Kathleen; Lunge, Robin; McLemore, Linda; Melamed, Marisa; Miller, Lawrence; Parker, Lindsay; Sheehan, Sean; Strumolo, Adaline; Whitney, Katie
Subject: Senate Finance notes 2/16/16: health care advocate bill back

Senate Finance 2/16/16

Health Care Advocate Bill Back

Trinka Kerr, Health Care Advocate - Facing a cut in the Governor's recommend \$160,000. Two federal grants are ending. We are hoping to make up at least part of that difference. We looked at our funding sources. GMCB \$350,000 bill back switched to Global Commitment funding. June 30 bill back ending. Bill back money for three years. Now expiring. Board decided to use GC. I don't actually know how they can do that? I have no idea why they switched it (the Board). If it's GC money coming to us that draws down a federal match. We already get a chunk of money through DVHA and Vermont Health Connect. We do a lot of work before the GMCB, so it makes sense for us to get a share through bill back.

Ashe: We'll ask the Board for an explanation why they made the change. (Bill back to GC funding)

Sirotkin: If you use GC, not bill back, then you need state dollars.

Nolan: You need state dollars for bill back as well.

Lyons: Which one costs more? The work that is being done is important. Robin or Devon.

3:00PM

GMCB Annual Report says they are going to give guidance to the insurers.

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London, Sarah

Subject: FW: MTB language

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lunge, Robin" <Robin.Lunge@vermont.gov>
Date: February 18, 2016 at 3:30:16 PM EST
To: "Green, Devon" <Devon.Green@vermont.gov>, "Byrne, Emily" <Emily.Byrne@vermont.gov>, "Allen, Susan" <Susan.Allen@vermont.gov>, "Springer, Darren" <Darren.Springer@vermont.gov>
Subject: RE: MTB language

Hi all – do we care if the GMCB uses bill back or GC funds for the Health Care Advocate contract? I also got asked what our position was in Senate finance today. Our office previously did a report that recommended bill back, so I think we could be neutral or ok with it (or we could be inconsistent with previous position, but we'd need a reason).

Al's letter said that they didn't use bill back, because the authority was sunseting.

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*** Please note that my email address has changed to robin.lunge@vermont.gov ***

From: Green, Devon
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 2:46 PM
To: Lunge, Robin <Robin.Lunge@vermont.gov>
Subject: FW: MTB language

HWM wants a response related to added language in the miscellaneous tax bill. Here's the language:

Sec. 34a. OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE

Financial support for the Office of the Health Care Advocate established pursuant to 18 V.S.A. chapter 229 for services related to the Green Mountain Care Board's regulatory and supervisory duties shall be considered expenses incurred by the Board under 18 V.S.A. § 9374(h) and shall be an acceptable use of funds realized pursuant to that section.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Morgan, Candace
Sent: Thursday, February 18, 2016 2:42 PM
To: Green, Devon <Devon.Green@vermont.gov>
Subject: MTB language

Ways and means has the "official" version of the misc tax bill now:
<http://legislature.vermont.gov/assets/Documents/2016/WorkGroups/House%20Ways%20and%20Means/Miscellaneous%20Tax%20Bill/W~Peter%20Griffin~Miscellaneous%20Tax%20Bill%20language~2-16-2016.pdf>

They added a Sec. 34a related to the health care advocate. During their walk through they wanted to know if the admin was okay. I said I had to check with people because I had no idea! Thanks for letting me know!!

Sent from my iPhone