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# House Committee on Health Care

## (Room 45)

The House Committee on Health Care considers matters relating to health care.

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#### Wednesday, January 6, 2021

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>House Floor</b>
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<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>House Floor</b>
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#### Thursday, January 7, 2021

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>House Floor</b>
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<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Joint Assembly</b>
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*Canvassing Committee Report followed by Caucuses*

<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>Committee Introductions and Orientation</b>
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**2:00 PM**     **Joint Assembly**  
*Governor's Remarks*

-     **House Floor**

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## Friday, January 8, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**     **House Floor**

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## Tuesday, January 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**     **House Floor**

**1:00 PM**     **House Floor**

**10 minutes after  
the Floor**     **Committee Introductions and Orientation**

**2:30 PM**     **Health Care 101**

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**4:30 AM**     **Adjourn**

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## Wednesday, January 13, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM** **Orientation to Health Care Committee**

*Committee Discussion*

**10:00 AM** **Break**

**10:15 AM** **COVID-19 Response**

*Updates from the Department of Health*

*Joint Meeting with the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and House Committee on Human Services*

*View livestream here.*

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

**12:30 PM** **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM** **House Floor**

**- immediately following Floor** **Sexual Harassment Prevention Training**

**4:30 PM** **Adjourn**

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## Thursday, January 14, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM** **COVID-19 Response**

*Review of Health and Human Services CRF policies and funds*

*Joint Meeting with Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and House Committee on Human Services*

*View livestream here.*

Donna Bailey, Director, Addison County Parent Child Center  
 Jacob Bogre, Executive Director, Association of Africans Living in Vermont  
 Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services  
 Mary Feldman, Executive Director, Rutland County Parent Child Center  
 Heidi Hall, CFO, Washington County Mental Health Services  
 Monica Caserta Hutt, Commissioner, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living  
 Sarah Launderville, President, Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights  
 Holly Morehouse, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool, Inc.  
 Mary Moulton, Executive Director, Washington County Mental Health Services  
 Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont  
 Aly Richards, Chief Executive Officer, Let's Grow Kids  
 John Sayles, CEO, Vermont Foodbank  
 Amy Shollenberger, Lobbyist, Parent Child Center Network  
 Sarah Squirrel, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health  
 Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

**11:45 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Friday, January 15, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**1:15 PM**      **Review of Bills**

*Review of 2019-2020 Bills Passed by House Health Care*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM**      **Adjourn**

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## Tuesday, January 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **House Floor**

**- Immediately following the Floor** **Implicit Bias Prevention Training**

**1:00 PM** **Caucuses**

**2:00 PM** **Health Care 101**

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**3:00 PM** **Structural Overview of Vermont Health Care Services**

*Committee Discussion*

**3:30 PM** **Adjourn**

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## Wednesday, January 20, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM** **COVID-19 Response**

*Overview of New Federal Funding and Guidelines*

*Joint Meeting with Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and House Committee on Human Services*

Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

Stephen Klein, Chief Fiscal Officer, Joint Fiscal Office

**10:45 AM** **Committee Forum**

*Committee Discussion and General Questions*

**11:00 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Thursday, January 21, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Health Care Advocate**

*Introduction to the Office of the Health Care Advocate and Consumer Perspectives on Health Care*

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Marjorie Stinchcombe, Staff Attorney, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont  
Legal Aid

**9:45 AM**      **COVID-19 Emergency Legislation Updates**

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**12:00 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Friday, January 22, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**1:15 PM**      **Committee Introductions**

**1:30 PM**      **FY 2021 Budget Adjustment**

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Sandi Hoffman, Director of Clinical Integrity and Quality Improvement, Department of Vermont Health Access

Lisa Schilling, Financial Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Addie Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Shannon Thompson, Financial Director, Department of Mental Health

**3:30 PM**      **Adjourn**

## Tuesday, January 26, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**

**1:00 PM**      **Governor's FY2021 Budget Address**

*Joint Assembly*

**2:15 PM**      **Coverage of Audio-Only Telephone Health Services**

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Joe Lasek, Counseling Services of Addison County

Todd Young, Director of Telehealth Services, University of Vermont Health Network

**4:30 PM**      **Adjourn**

## Wednesday, January 27, 2021

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM** **Green Mountain Care Board**

*Introduction and Overview*

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

**10:15 AM** **Break**

**10:30 AM** **History of Health Care Reform in Vermont**

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

**11:45 AM** **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM** **House Floor**

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**Thursday, January 28, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM** **All-Payer Model**

*Overview, Current Status, Reboot*

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Alena Berube, Director of Value Based Programs & ACO Regulation, Green Mountain  
Care Board

**11:45 AM** **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM** **House Floor**

## Friday, January 29, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **House Floor**

**10:30 AM** **Health Care Disparities**

*CRF use for COVID-19 Related Health Care Disparities*

Tracy Dolan, Deputy Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

**11:30 AM** **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM** **Coverage of Audio-Only Telephone Health Services**

Joshua Green, Vermont Association of Naturopathic Physicians

Elizabeth Hunt MD, Pediatrician, Timber Lane Pediatrics

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

**3:30 PM** **Adjourn**

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## Tuesday, February 2, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **House Floor**

**1:15 PM** **Health Care Economics**

Jessica Holmes, Economics Professor, Middlebury College

**2:30 PM** **Committee Forum**

*General Committee Discussion and Questions***4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns****Wednesday, February 3, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****9:00 AM**      **Potential Extension of Time-Limited Act 91 and Act 140 Provisions Related to COVID-19***Joint Meeting of Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and House Committee on Health Care*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Margaret Laggis, Lobbyist, America's Health Insurance Plans

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

**10:45 AM**      **Coverage of Audio-Only Telephone Health Services***Committee Discussion*

Brenda Churchill, State House Liaison, LGBTQIA Alliance of Vermont

Mayumi Cornell, Patient Representative, Burlington, VT

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Linda Li, National Association of Social Workers (NASW), Vermont Chapter

**11:45 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**15 min after Floor**      **Coverage of Audio-Only Telephone Health Services**

*Committee Discussion*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

## Thursday, February 4, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Overview and Key Issues in Vermont Mental Health Services**

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Alison Krompf, Director of Quality and Accountability, Department of Mental Health

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Shannon Thompson, Financial Director, Department of Mental Health

**11:45 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**15 min after Floor**      **Stakeholder Perspectives on Mental Health Services**

Gregg Burda, Bennington Pop Grant Recipient, Hot Topics

Karim Chapman, Executive Director, Vermont Psychiatric Survivors

Annette Denio, Bennington Pop Grant Recipient, Sunshine Social

Laurie Emerson, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Vermont

A.J. Ruben, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights Vermont

JoEllen Tarallo, Executive Director, Center for Health and Learning, Director, VT Suicide Prevention Center

Dan Towle, Peer Support Staff Member, State Program Standing Committee

**4:30 PM**

## Committee Adjourns

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### Friday, February 5, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **House Floor**

**Immediately after** **H. - An act relating to health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

**Floor**

*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**1:15 PM** **Overview and Key Issues in Vermont Mental Health Services**

Dillon Burns, Director of Mental Health Services, Vermont Care Partners

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

**3:30 PM** **Adjourn**

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### Tuesday, February 9, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **House Floor**

**After Floor** **Caucuses**

**1:00 PM** **Stakeholder Perspectives on Mental Health Services**

A.J. Ruben, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights Vermont

**1:30 PM FY2022 Budget Review**

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)  
 Sandi Hoffman, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access  
 Lisa Schilling, Financial Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)  
 Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

**3:00 PM FY2022 Budget Review**

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health  
 Alison Krompf, Director of Quality and Accountability, Department of Mental Health  
 Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health  
 Shannon Thompson, Financial Director, Department of Mental Health

**4:30 PM Committee Adjourns****Wednesday, February 10, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record****9:00 AM Health Care Disparities**

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration

**10:15 AM Break****10:30 AM H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**

*Bill Introduction, Walk-through, and Witness Testimony*

Pat Autilio, Data Analyst, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance  
 Rep. Brian Cina, Sponsor  
 Christopher Cockrell, Member, Vermont Racial Justice Foundation  
 Mayumi Cornell, Member - Steering Committee, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance  
 Roy V Hill II, Member, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance  
 Christine Hughes, Member, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance  
 Mark Hughes, Member, Vermont Racial Justice Alliance

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**11:45 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**2:15 PM**      **Health Care Disparities**

*Green Mountain Care Board Data Proposals related to Health Care Disparities*

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Sarah Lindberg, Health Services Researcher, Green Mountain Care Board

Anais Ovalle, Infectious Disease Fellow, Dartmouth Hitchcock

Jean Stetter, Administrative Services Director, Green Mountain Care Board

-      **The Health of Vermonters Living with Disabilities**

Kirsten Murphy, Executive Director, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

## Thursday, February 11, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Health Care Workforce Program Updates**

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Craig Bolio, Commissioner, VT Department of Taxes

Marilyn Cargill, Vice President, Financial Aid Services, Marketing and Research,  
Vermont Student Assistance Corporation

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

Michael K. Smith, Secretary, Agency of Human Services

**10:30 AM**      **Break**

**10:45 AM**      **Health Care Housing Overview**

Rebeka Lawrence-Gomez, Deputy Director, Pathways Vermont, and Co-Chair, Vermont

Coalition to End Homelessness

Hilary Melton, Executive Director, Pathways Vermont

**11:45 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**15 min after Floor**      **H. - An act relating to health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

*Discussion and Possible Vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Friday, February 12, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**1:00 PM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget**

*Committee Discussion on Budget Items*

**2:30 PM**      **Adjourn**

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## Tuesday, February 16, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**

**after Floor**      **Caucuses**

**3:15 PM**      **Health Care Workforce Program Updates**

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

## Wednesday, February 17, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**

Heidi Klein, Director of Planning and Health Care Quality, Department of Health  
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**10:05 AM**      **Break**

**10:25 AM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget**

*Committee Discussion on Budget Items*

**11:30 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 AM**      **House Floor**

**15 min after Floor**      **Health Care Housing Overview**

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health  
Sarah Squirrel, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

**2:45 PM**      **Break**

**2:55 PM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget**

*Committee Discussion on One-Time only Budget Items*

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Thursday, February 18, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:30 AM**      **Election of a Sergeant at Arms, an Adjutant and Inspector General, and Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College**

*Joint Assembly*

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**15 min after Floor**      **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget**

*Committee Discussion*

**2:15 PM**      **Break**

**3:00 PM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget**

*Committee Discussion*

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Friday, February 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**Immediately after**      **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget**

<b>Floor</b>	<i>Committee Discussion</i>
<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
<b>1:35 PM</b>	<b>Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget</b> <i>Committee Discussion on Budget Items</i>
<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

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## Tuesday, February 23, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **House Floor**

**after Floor** **Caucuses**

**1:15 PM** **Committee Discussion of Bills in Committee**  
*Committee Discussion and Review of Bills*

**1:50 PM** **H.46 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions of mental health law**  
*Introduction*  
Rep. Anne B. Donahue, Sponsor

**2:00 PM** **H.104 - An act relating to considerations in facilitating the interstate practice of health care professionals using telehealth**  
*Introduction*  
Rep. David Durfee, Sponsor

**2:10 AM**

## H.102 - An act relating to reducing prior authorization requirements in health insurance plans

### Introduction

Rep. Lori Houghton, Sponsor

**2:40 PM**      **Break**

**3:00 PM**      **Health Care Housing Overview**

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Sarah Squirrel, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

## Wednesday, February 24, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**

*This Testimony will Include a Break from 10:05-10:20am*

Maria Mercedes Avila, Member, Governor's Task Force on Racial Equity

**11:00 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**3:00 PM**      **H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

## Thursday, February 25, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**

*This testimony will include a Break from 10:00-10:15*

Mike Bensel, Executive Director, Pride Center of Vermont

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration

Dana Kaplan, Executive Director, Outright Vermont

**11:45 AM Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM House Floor**

**2:00 PM Results of the Votes for Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College**

*Joint Assembly*

**2:10 PM House Floor**

**5 min after Floor H.46 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions of mental health law**

A.J. Ruben, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights Vermont

**- H.104 - An act relating to considerations in facilitating the interstate practice of health care professionals using telehealth**

*Walk-through and Witness Testimony*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Kirke McVay, Ethics Committee Chair, Vermont Mental Health Counselors Association

**4:30 PM Committee Adjourns**

## Friday, February 26, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

- 8:30 AM** **Dr. Dynasaur Expansion for Noncitizen Children and Pregnant Women**
- Maricela -, Mother, Migrant Justice  
 Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid  
 Erin Jacobsen, Professor of Law and Senior Staff Attorney, Vermont Law School Immigration Rights Clinic  
 Will Lambek, Migrant Justice  
 Alicia Rodrigue, Communications Coordinator, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid  
 Heidi Sulis, Executive Director, Open Door Clinic, Middlebury  
 Naomi Wolcott-MacCausland, Migrant Health Coordinator, Bridges to Health & Huertas, UVM Extension
- 9:30 AM** **House Floor**
- 11:00 AM** **H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**
- Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
- 11:45 AM** **Committee Adjourns**
- 1:30 PM** **H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**
- Laurie Emerson, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Vermont  
 Sarah Launderville, Executive Director, Vermont Center for Independent Living  
 A.J. Ruben, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights Vermont
- **H.46 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions of mental health law**
- Mark-up and Possible Vote*
- 3:30 PM** **Adjourn**

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## Tuesday, March 9, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** House Floor

after Floor Caucuses

**1:00 PM** Results of the Votes for Sergeant at Arms, Adjutant and Inspector General, Trustees of the UVM and State Agricultural College

*Joint Assembly*

**1:45 PM** Secure Recovery Residence Proposal

Karim Chapman, Executive Director, Vermont Psychiatric Survivors

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Kevin Huckshorn, Behavioral Health Consulting

Janice Label, Department of Mental Health

Kathleen Lamphere, LICSW - Director of Adult Services, Health Care and Rehabilitation Services

Ward Nial, Resident, South Burlington, Vermont

Malaika Puffer, Resident, Brattleboro, Vermont

Alisson Richards, Executive Medical Director, Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

**4:30 PM** Committee Adjourns

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## Wednesday, March 10, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**8:30 AM** H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system

Andrea Brett, Chair, Racial Equity Advisory Panel

Judy Dow, Executive Director, Gedakina

Beverly Little Thunder, Member, Earth Walk Board and Standing Rock Lakota Tribe

Don Stevens, Chief, Nulhegan Band of the Coosuk-Abenaki Nation

**10:20 AM**      **Break until 11:00am**

**11:00 AM**      **H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**

Wilda White, Founder, MadFreedom

**11:45 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 AM**      **House Floor**

**5 min after Floor**      **Secure Recovery Residence Proposal**

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Emily Megas-Russell, Resident, Brattleboro, Vermont

Calvin Moen, Resident, Brattleboro, Vermont

Eva Westheimer, Programs and Volunteer Coordinator, Out in the Open

Shea Witzberger, Resident, Dummerston, Vermont

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

## Thursday, March 11, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**

**Dr. Dynasaur Expansion for Noncitizen Children and Pregnant Women**

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access  
(DVHA)

**10:30 AM**      **Break**

**10:50 AM**      **H.104 - An act relating to considerations in facilitating the interstate practice of health care professionals using telehealth**

*Review Strike-all Draft and Possible Vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**11:45 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**15 min after Floor**      **H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**

*Committee Discussion*

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**Friday, March 12, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**8:00 AM**      **H.430 - An act relating to eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage for all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status.**

*Committee Discussion and Possible Vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>House Floor</b>
<b>after Floor</b>	<b>H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system</b>
	<i>Committee Discussion</i>
	Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration
	Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system</b>
	<i>Final Committee Discussion and Possible Vote</i>
<b>3:05 PM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:25 PM</b>	<b>H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system</b>
	<i>Committee Discussion and Possible Vote</i>
<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Adjourn</b>

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## Tuesday, March 16, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>House Floor</b>
<b>after Floor</b>	<b>Caucuses</b>
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone</b>

*Walk-through, Committee Discussion, and Vote*

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

## Wednesday, March 17, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **Secure Recovery Residence Proposal**

*Committee Discussion*

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Alisson Richards, Executive Medical Director, Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

**11:55 PM**      **Break**

**12:30 PM**      **Secure Recovery Residence Proposal**

*Committee Discussion*

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**During Floor**      **S.117 - An act relating to extending health care regulatory flexibility during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and to coverage of health care services delivered by audio-only telephone**

*Committee Discussion on Strong Amendment*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Vicki Strong, Sponsor of Amendment

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

## Thursday, March 18, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**1:15 PM** **House Floor**

**15 min after Floor** **Committee Meeting**

*Review and Update of Current Legislation*

**4:30 PM** **Committee Adjourns**

## Friday, March 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** **House Floor**

**1:30 PM** **S.22 - An act relating to health care practitioners administering stem cell products not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

*Walk-through*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **H.430 - An act relating to eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage for all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status.**

*Review of Appropriations Amendment and Vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM** **Adjourn**

## Tuesday, March 23, 2021

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM** **House Floor**

**After Floor** **Caucuses**

**4:30 PM** **Committee Adjourns**

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**Wednesday, March 24, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM** **Home and Community Health Care Provider Services**

*Walk-through of Bill H.153*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

- **Review of Bills**

*Review of previous emergency legislation*

Rep. Mari Cordes, Sponsor, House Committee on Health Care

**12:00 PM** **Caucus of the Whole**

**11:45 AM** **Break**

**1:15 PM** **House Floor**

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**Thursday, March 25, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

- 10:30 AM**      **Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates**  
*Joint Assembly*
- 12:00 PM**      **Secure Recovery Residence Proposal**  
*Committee discussion and vote on Donahue et al Amendment*
- 1:00 PM**      **H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**  
*Committee discussion and vote on Christie Amendment*  
  
Rep. Kevin "Coach" Christie, Sponsor, House Committee on Judiciary  
Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 1:15 PM**      **House Floor**
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## Friday, March 26, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

- 9:30 AM**      **House Floor**
- 1:30 PM**      **Meeting Canceled**  
*Committee Meeting Canceled due to Thunderstorms*
- 3:30 PM**      **Adjourn**
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## Tuesday, March 30, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **House Floor**

**after Floor** **Caucuses**

**1:15 PM** **COVID-19 Relief**

*Walk-through of H.315 Senate changes related to health care*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mark Levine, Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

**3:00 PM** **Emergency Provisions for the Operation of Government**

*Walk-through of health care elements of S.87*

Amerin Aborjaily, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM** **Committee Adjourns**

## Wednesday, March 31, 2021

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM** **Hospital Financial Information Update and Overview**

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Lori Perry, CMA Health Finance Analytics Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Patrick Rooney, Director of Health Systems Finances, Green Mountain Care Board

**11:45 AM** **Break**

**1:15 PM** **House Floor**

**3:30 PM**      **S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission**

*Walk-through*

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

## Thursday, April 1, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **American Rescue Plan Act of 2021**

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Sean Sheehan, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst, Department of Vermont Health Access

Addie Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

**11:00 AM**      **Federal Grant Allocations and Spending Plans**

Sarah Squirrell, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Cheryle Wilcox, Interagency Planning Director, Department of Mental Health

**11:45 AM**      **Break**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**2:00 PM**      **Results of the Votes for Retention of Superior Court Judges and Magistrates**

*Joint Assembly*

**3:00 PM**      **Mental Health and Public Safety Update**

*Implementation update from 2020 appropriations bill establishing mental health worker positions with Vermont State Police*

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Michael Schirling, Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Friday, April 2, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**1:30 PM**      **Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System**

*Walk-through of the health related elements of S.3*

Erik FitzPatrick, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM**      **Adjourn**

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## Tuesday, April 6, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**

**after Floor**      **Caucuses**

**1:15 PM**      **Committee meeting canceled**

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Wednesday, April 7, 2021

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission**

James Baker, Commissioner, Department of Corrections  
 Peter Lynch, Chief of Training, Vermont Fire Academy  
 Barb Neal, Executive Director, Enhanced 9-1-1 Board  
 Bradley R. Reed, President, Professional Firefighters of Vermont

**10:00 AM S.22 - An act relating to health care practitioners administering stem cell products not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

Jill Abrams, Assistant Attorney General, Director, Consumer Protection Division,  
 Attorney General's Office  
 Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society  
 Cindy Bruzzese, Executive Director & Clinical Ethicist, Vermont Ethics Network  
 Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
 David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice  
 Sen. Cheryl Hooker, Reporter, Senate Health and Welfare  
 Daniel Weiss, Professor of Medicine, Professor of Cell and Molecular Biology,  
 University of Vermont

**11:45 AM Break**

**1:15 PM House Floor**

**4:30 PM Committee Adjourns**

**Thursday, April 8, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM ARPA Premium Tax Credit Change and Implications for Marketplace Organization**

*Testimony will include a 15 minute break from 10:30 to 10:45*

Betsy Bishop, President, Vermont Chamber of Commerce

Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, Department of Financial Regulation

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

Christine Oliver, NFP Senior Vice President and Business Resource Services  
Consultant, Business Resource Service

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue  
Shield of Vermont

**11:45 PM**      **Break**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**15 min after Floor**      **ARPA Premium Tax Credit Change and Implications for Marketplace Organization**  
*Committee Discussion*

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Friday, April 9, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**10:30 AM**      **Insurance, Banking, and Securities**

*Committee Discussion of S.88*

Jill Rickard, Director of Policy, Department of Financial Regulation

**12:00 AM**      **Break**

**1:30 PM**      **S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission**

*Committee Discussion*

Chris Louras, Former Mayor, Rutland City

Robert Lucas, Peer Support Leader, Vermont State Police

**3:30 PM**     **Adjourn****Tuesday, April 13, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**     Standard**Meeting Record****10:00 AM**     **House Floor****after Floor**     **Caucuses****1:15 PM**     **Insurance, Banking, and Securities***Testimony on bill S.88*

Jamie Feehan, Lobbyist, Vermont Dental Society

Stephen Pitmon, Vermont Dental Society

-     **ARPA Premium Tax Credit Change and Implications for Marketplace Organization***Committee Discussion**Committee will take a short break at 2:20pm***4:30 PM**     **Committee Adjourns****Wednesday, April 14, 2021****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**     Standard**Meeting Record****9:00 AM**     **Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System**

*Witness testimony and committee discussion on the health care elements of S.3*

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Simha Ravven, President, Vermont Medical Society

**11:45 AM**      **Break**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**15 min after Floor**      **Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System**

*Committee discussion on health care elements of S.3*

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

## Thursday, April 15, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **All-Payer Model**

*Update on the renegotiation and reboot update*

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Alena Berube, Director of Health Systems Policy, Green Mountain Care Board

**11:00 AM**      **OneCare Vermont**

Victoria Loner, Chief Executive Officer, OneCare Vermont

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

## Friday, April 16, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 8:30 AM**      **Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System**  
*Committee Discussion on S.3*  
Wilda White, Founder, MadFreedom
- 9:30 AM**      **House Floor**
- 2:00 PM**      **Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System**  
*Committee discussion of S.3*
- 3:30 PM**      **Adjourn**
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**Tuesday, April 20, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 10:00 AM**      **House Floor**
- after Floor**      **Caucuses**
- 1:00 PM**      **Mental Health and the Criminal Justice System**  
*Committee discussion on S.3 sections 5 and 6*
- 4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**
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**Wednesday, April 21, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission</b> <i>Committee discussion and possible vote</i>
<b>10:50 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission</b> <i>Committee discussion and possible vote</i>
<b>11:45 AM</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>House Floor</b>
<b>after Floor</b>	<b>Dr. Dynasaur Expansion for Noncitizen Children and Pregnant Women</b> <i>Review of Senate language</i>  Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
<b>2:30 PM</b>	<b>Committee Adjourns</b>

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## Thursday, April 22, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM** **Children and Mental Health**

*Testimony on the crisis of children waiting in emergency departments for psychiatric beds*

*Testimony will include a break from 10:15-10:30am*

Andy Anderson, Parent, Jericho

Dillon Burns, Mental Health Services Director, Vermont Care Partners

Mourning Fox, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Robyn Freedner-Maguire, Parent, Burlington

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Emma Harrigan, Director of Policy Analysis and Development, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Alison Kapadia, Emergency Department Site Director, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital

Kathleen Kourebanas, Parent, Essex

Lorna Mattern, Executive Director, United Counseling Services

Kat McGraw, M.D., Chief Medical Officer, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital

Laurel Omland, Director, Child, Adolescent, and Family Unit, Vermont Department of Mental Health

Christian Pulcini, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, UVMMC

David Rettew, Medical Director, Children and Family Division, Department of Mental Health

**11:45 AM**      **Break**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Friday, April 23, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **S.42 - An act relating to establishing the Emergency Service Provider Wellness Commission**

*Final review and vote*

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**3:30 PM**      **Adjourn**

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## Tuesday, April 27, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**

**after Floor**      **Caucuses**

**after Caucuses**      **H.430 - An act relating to eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage for all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status.**

*Update and status*

-      **H.104 - An act relating to considerations in facilitating the interstate practice of health care professionals using telehealth**

*Update and status*

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

## Wednesday, April 28, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **S.22 - An act relating to health care practitioners administering stem cell products not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

*Committee discussion*

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office  
Sam Russo, Vermont Association of Naturopathic Physicians

**10:15 AM**      **Break**

**10:30 AM**      **Global Commitment Waiver Update**

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services  
Ashley Berliner, Director of Medicaid Policy, Agency of Human Services  
Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Agency of Human Services

**12:00 PM**      **Break**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**after Floor**      **Review of Bills**

*Follow up on Senate bills*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Thursday, April 29, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **OneCare Vermont**

*Overview and update*

Victoria Loner, Chief Executive Officer, OneCare Vermont

**12:00 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Friday, April 30, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**10:50 AM**

**S.22 - An act relating to health care practitioners administering stem cell products not approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

*Vote*

**11:15 AM Budget Review**

*Committee discussion*

**12:00 PM Break**

**1:45 PM Budget Review**

*Proposed Benchmark Plan Review Provision*

Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, Department of Financial Regulation

**2:50 PM Break**

**3:00 PM Pharmacy Benefits Managers (PBM) Discussion**

Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, Department of Financial Regulation

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Helen Labun, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

**3:30 PM Adjourn**

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## Tuesday, May 4, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**8:45 AM H.46 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions of mental health law**

*Vote*

- **H.104 - An act relating to considerations in facilitating the interstate practice of health care professionals using telehealth**

## Vote

**9:00 AM Children and Mental Health**

*Testimony on the crisis of children waiting in emergency departments for psychiatric beds*

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Cory Gustafson, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Selina Hickman, Director, Developmental Disabilities Services Division, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living

Sarah Squirrel, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

**10:00 AM House Floor****after Floor Caucuses****2:00 PM Children and Mental Health**

*Testimony on the crisis of children waiting in emergency departments for psychiatric beds*

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Emma Harrigan, Director of Policy Analysis and Development, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Jack McCullough, Director of Mental Health Law Project, Vermont Legal Aid

**4:30 PM Committee Adjourns****Wednesday, May 5, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM H.430 - An act relating to eligibility for Dr. Dynasaur-like coverage for all income-eligible children and pregnant individuals regardless of immigration status.**

*Vote*

- **Budget Section Review**

*Committee discussion on Sec.E.227.1, E.227.2, and E.227.3 on pharmacy benefit managers*

Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, Department of Financial Regulation

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Jeff Hochberg, President, Vermont Retail Druggists

Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

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**10:45 AM**      **Break**

**11:30 AM**      **Rights and Democracy Vermont (RADVT)**

James Haslam, Executive Director, Rights and Democracy Vermont

Angela Lawrence, Member, Rights and Democracy Vermont

Alex Lehning, Member, Rights and Democracy Vermont

Kiah Morris, Movement Politics Director, Rights and Democracy Vermont

Peter Sterling, Affordable Health Care Advocate

**12:30 PM**      **Break**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**15 min after Floor**      **Budget Review**

*Walk-through of budget Sec. E.126.2 regarding the Task Force on Affordable, Accessible Health Care*

Jennifer Carbee, Deputy Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Thursday, May 6, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Emergency Housing Proposal**

*Joint hearing with House Committee on Human Services*

Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Geoffrey Pippenger, Senior Advisor to the Commissioner, Department for Children and Families

Jessica Radbord, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Sarah Truckle, Financial Director, Department for Children and Families

**10:30 AM**      **Break**

**11:00 AM**      **Budget Review**

*Committee discussion on budget Sec E.227, E.227.1, E.227.2, E.227.3 on pharmacy benefit managers and the benchmark plan review*

**11:45 AM**      **H.210 - An act relating to addressing disparities and promoting equity in the health care system**

*Committee discussion and possible vote*

**12:00 PM**      **Break**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

**2:10 PM**      **Budget Review**

*Committee discussion on budget language regarding health care workforce*

**3:00 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Friday, May 7, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**2:00 PM**

**Children and Mental Health**

*Committee discussion on the crisis of children waiting in emergency departments for psychiatric beds*

- **Budget Review**

*Committee discussion on budget Sec.E126.2 regarding the Task Force on Affordable, Accessible Health Care*

**3:30 PM      Adjourn**

**Tuesday, May 11, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM      House Floor**

**after Floor      Caucuses**

**15 min after  
Caucuses      Children and Mental Health**

*Committee discussion on the crisis of children and youth waiting in emergency departments for psychiatric beds*

- **Budget Review**

*Committee discussion budget Secs. E.311.1-311.3 on primary care scholarship language*

**4:30 PM      Committee Adjourns**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record****9:00 AM ARPA Premium Tax Credit Change and Implications for Marketplace Organization**

Michael Barber, General Counsel, Green Mountain Care Board

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

Sean Sheehan, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst, Department of Vermont Health Access

Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

**10:30 AM Break****10:45 AM Budget Review**

*Committee discussion budget Secs. E.311.1-311.3 on primary care scholarship language*

Elizabeth Cote, Director, Office of Primary Care and AHEC Program, University of Vermont

Charles MacLean, Associate Dean of Primary Care, University of Vermont

**11:45 AM Committee Adjourns****1:15 PM House Floor**

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**Thursday, May 13, 2021****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record****9:00 AM**

## Children and Mental Health

*The crisis of children waiting in emergency departments for psychiatric beds*

Heather Bouchey, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Education

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of  
Hospitals and Health Systems

Emma Harrigan, Director of Policy Analysis and Development, Vermont Association of  
Hospitals and Health Systems

Laurel Omland, Director, Child, Adolescent, and Family Unit, Vermont Department of  
Mental Health

David Rettew, Medical Director, Children and Family Division, Department of Mental  
Health

Sarah Squirrel, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

**11:15 AM**      **Committee Adjourns**

**1:15 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Friday, May 14, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**1:15 PM**      **Committee Updates**

**3:30 PM**      **Adjourn**

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## Tuesday, May 18, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey**  
Jessie Hammond, Public Health Statistics Chief, Department of Health  
Jennifer Hicks, Research and Statistics Section Chief, Department of Health
- 10:00 AM House Floor**
- 2:30 PM House Floor**
- **Adjourn**
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## Wednesday, May 19, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

- 10:00 AM House Floor**
- 2:30 PM House Floor**
- **Adjourn**
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## Thursday, May 20, 2021

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM Committee Meeting**  
*End of session committee discussion*
- 10:00 AM House Floor**

**2:30 PM**     **House Floor**

-     **Adjourn**

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## **Friday, May 21, 2021**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM**     **House Floor**

**2:30 PM**     **House Floor**

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## **Saturday, May 22, 2021**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM**     **House Floor**

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## **Thursday, December 9, 2021**

### **Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### **Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM**     **Welcome and Introduction to the Day's Focus**

*Patient Wait Times - Symptoms of the Pressure in Vermont Mental Health Services:*

*Looking for Solutions*

Rep. William J. Lippert, Chair, House Committee on Health Care

**10:10 AM Patient Wait Times - Symptoms of the Pressure Within Vermont Mental Health Services: Looking for Solutions**

*Review Data for Hospital Emergency Department Wait Times*

Emma Harrigan, Director of Policy Analysis and Development, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

**10:30 AM Addressing Wait Times for Mental Health Services in Hospital Emergency Departments and in Designated Agencies**

*Wait Times in Hospital Emergency Departments - Status and Proposed Solutions*

Allison Davis, Section Chief of Emergency Medicine, Rutland Regional Medical Center

Matt Dove, Nurse Practitioner, Emergency Medicine, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital

Ramsey Herrington, Emergency Department Medical Director, UVMHC

Christian Pulcini, Pediatric Emergency Medicine, UVMHC

Dr. Ryan Sexton, Emergency Department Medical Director, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital

- **Patient Wait Times - Symptoms of the Pressure Within Vermont Mental Health Services: Looking for Solutions**

*Designated Agency Waiting Lists - Data*

Mary Moulton, Executive Director, Washington County Mental Health Services

**11:30 AM Patient Wait Times - Symptoms of the Pressure Within Vermont Mental Health Services: Looking for Solutions**

*Department of Mental Health Update and Overview*

Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Alison Krompf, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

**12:15 PM Lunch Break**

**1:00 PM Pressures in Vermont Mental Health Services**

*What is Happening in our Communities?*

Kristin Breault-Bolio, Supervisor of Counseling Program, Spectrum Youth and Family Services

Robyn Freedner-Maguire, Burlington Parent, Vermont Family Network

Ron Hoague, Essex Police Department

Rachel Lawler, Team Lead - Community Outreach Program, Howard Center

Mary Moulton, Executive Director, Washington County Mental Health Services

Mark Redmond, Executive Director, Spectrum Youth and Family Services

Gloria van den Berg, Executive Director, Alyssum, Inc

**2:35 PM Pressures in Vermont Mental Health Services**

*Department of Mental Health Response to Testimony*

Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Alison Krompf, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

**3:00 PM Adjourn**

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## Tuesday, January 4, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM House Floor**

**12:00 PM Adjourn**

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## Wednesday, January 5, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM Committee Orientation**

**9:30 AM Act 6**

*Review of expiring Act 6 provisions.*

*Joint Meeting of Senate Committee on Health and Welfare and House Committee on Health Care. Meeting will be livestreamed here <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare>*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Jill Mazza Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

- **Report of Facilitation of Interstate Practice Using Telehealth Working Group**

*Joint Meeting with Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, continued. Meeting will be livestreamed here <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare>*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Rebecca Copans, Government and Media Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Meredith Roberts, Executive Director, American Nurses Association Vermont

**12:00 PM Lunch**

**2:00 PM Governor's State of the State Address**

*Joint Assembly*

**3:00 PM Committee Discussion**

*Review of bills passed in 2021*

*Looking ahead to the session*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:15 PM Adjourn**

## Thursday, January 6, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget Adjustment**

*Testimony from the Department of Mental Health*

Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Alison Krompf, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Shannon Thompson, Financial Director, Department of Mental Health

**10:15 AM**      **Break**

**10:30 AM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget Adjustment**

*Testimony from the Department of Vermont Health Access and Vermont Care Partners*

Alicia Cooper, Director of Managed Care Operations, Department of Vermont Health Access

Andrea DeLaBruere, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

Sandi Hoffman, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

Sean Sheehan, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst, Department of Vermont Health Access

Addie Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

Stephen Wisloski, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Vermont Health Access

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:30 PM**      **Vermont Health Care Workforce Development Strategic Plan**

*Joint Committee Meeting with House Commerce and Economic Development and House Committee on Health Care*

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

## Friday, January 7, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

*Floor session to be followed by training for House members.*

**1:00 PM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget Adjustment**

*Testimony and committee discussion*

Rachel Cummings, Executive Director, Counseling Services of Addison County

Dr. Chuck Myers, Executive Director, Northeastern Family Institute, VT

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners

**3:30 PM**      **Committee Adjourns**

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## Tuesday, January 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**

**After Floor**      **Caucuses**

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget Adjustment**

*Finalize committee recommendations*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:20 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**2:35 PM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2022 Budget Adjustment**

*Finalize committee recommendations, continued.*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:45 PM**      **Adjourn**

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## Wednesday, January 12, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record****9:00 AM H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance regulation**

*Walk-through and testimony from the Department of Financial Regulation*

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation  
Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

**11:00 AM Lunch****12:00 PM Green Mountain Care Board**

*Committee will remotely attend the board meeting of the Green Mountain Care Board.*

*Members of the public can join the meeting via phone or through Microsoft Teams.*

*\*Call-in number: (802) 828-7667 Conference ID number: 550 986 972#.*

*Teams link: [https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\\_ZTNIOWY1YjctMjgzZS00ZWVlLWFkNWltNmJjNzFkYTQ5Mjg1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2220b4933b-baad-433c-9c02-70edcc7559c6%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2263d3547f-e4c1-4857-ba9b-7340463e85f4%22%7d](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTNIOWY1YjctMjgzZS00ZWVlLWFkNWltNmJjNzFkYTQ5Mjg1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2220b4933b-baad-433c-9c02-70edcc7559c6%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2263d3547f-e4c1-4857-ba9b-7340463e85f4%22%7d)*

**3:00 PM House Floor****Thursday, January 13, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record****9:00 AM Act 6**

*Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.*

*Discussion of extension of provisions of Act 6. Meeting will be livestreamed here <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare>*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

- **Act 21 and Telehealth**

*Joint Meeting with Senate Committee on Health and Welfare, continued. Meeting will be livestreamed here <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare>*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Rebecca Copans, Government and Media Affairs, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

**12:00 PM Lunch**

**1:30 PM Act 6 and Act 21**

*Committee discussion*

**3:00 PM House Floor**

**3:25 PM H.654 - An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility**

*Committee vote*

**3:35 PM H.655 - An act relating to telehealth licensure and registration and to provisional licensure for professions regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

*Committee vote*

**3:40 PM Adjourn**

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## Friday, January 14, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM House Floor**

*Floor will be followed by training for all House members*

**2:30 PM H.654 - An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility***Testimony and committee discussion*

Dan Bennett, President and CEO, Gifford Medical Center

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal AidDevon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of  
Hospitals and Health Systems

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

**- Adjourn**

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**Tuesday, January 18, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard**Meeting Record****10:00 AM House Floor****After floor Lunch and Caucuses****1:00 PM Governor's FY2023 Budget Address***Joint Assembly***2:30 PM H.654 - An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility***Testimony and committee discussion*Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal AidDevon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of  
Hospitals and Health Systems

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

**4:15 PM Adjourn**

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**Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record****9:00 AM Accessible Affordable Health Care Taskforce Report**

*Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare. Meeting will be livestreamed here: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare>*

Tim Hill, Vice President- Health, American Institutes for Research

Joshua Slen, President, Health System Transformation

Beth Waldman, Senior Consultant, Bailit Health

**10:45 AM H.654 - An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility**

*Testimony and committee discussion*

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of  
Hospitals and Health Systems

Jeff Hochberg, President, Vermont Retail Druggists

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare

Sara Teachout, Corporate Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue  
Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

**12:00 PM Lunch****1:15 PM H.654 - An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility**

*Committee discussion*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:05 PM Committee Adjourned****3:00 PM House Floor**

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**Thursday, January 20, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM Essential Health Benefits Benchmark Plan Review Report**  
 Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation  
 Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation
- 10:30 AM DVHA Enrollment Trends and ARPA Extended Subsidies**  
 Sean Sheehan, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst, Department of Vermont Health Access
- 12:00 PM Lunch**
- 1:40 PM Essential Health Benefits Benchmark Plan Review Report**  
*Continued from this morning*  
 Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation  
 Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation
- 3:00 PM House Floor**

## Friday, January 21, 2022

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

- 9:30 AM House Floor**  
*Floor to be followed by training for House members*
- 12:00 PM Lunch**
- 1:50 PM**

**H.654 - An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility***Walk-through, final committee discussion, and vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**Tuesday, January 25, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard**Meeting Record****10:00 AM** **House Floor****After the Floor** **Caucuses****12:00 PM** **Lunch****1:30 PM** **Federal No Surprises Act***Overview*

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

Mary Kate Mohlman, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

**- H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance regulation**

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid**Wednesday, January 26, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 9:00 AM**      **H.655 - An act relating to telehealth licensure and registration and to provisional licensure for professions regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**
- Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation  
 Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society  
 Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation  
 Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
 David Herlihy, Executive Director, Vermont Board of Medical Practice  
 Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office
- 11:00 AM**      **15 Minute Break**
- 11:15 AM**      **H.654 - An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility**
- Proposed amendment*
- Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems  
 Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office
- **H.654 - An act relating to extending COVID-19 health care regulatory flexibility**
- House Committee on Human Services' amendment*
- Rep. Daniel Noyes, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services
- 12:00 PM**      **Lunch**
- 3:00 PM**      **House Floor**

**Thursday, January 27, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record**

- 9:00 AM**      **Nursing Workforce**
- Update on past and current initiatives*
- Marilyn Cargill, Vice President, Financial Aid Services, Marketing and Research,  
 Vermont Student Assistance Corporation

Rep. Peter J. Fagan, House Committee on Appropriations

**10:30 AM Governor's FY2023 Proposed Budget**

*Department of Mental Health*

Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Alison Krompf, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Shannon Thompson, Financial Director, Department of Mental Health

**12:00 PM Lunch**

**1:00 PM House Floor**

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## Friday, January 28, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM House Floor**

**10 Minutes After Floor Office of the Health Care Advocate**

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Marjorie Stinchcombe, Staff Attorney, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

**12:00 PM Lunch**

**1:45 PM Department of Public Safety - Update on Mental Health Programs**

Mourning Fox, Director of Mental Health Programs, Department of Public Safety

**2:50 PM Break**

**3:10 PM H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance regulation**

*Committee discussion and possible vote*

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

**4:05 PM**      **Break**

**4:15 PM**      **H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance regulation**

*Committee discussion, continued, and possible vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:25 PM**      **Adjourn**

## Tuesday, February 1, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**

**After the Floor**      **Caucuses**

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **Mental Health**

*Continuum of care; Peer workforce; Obstacles in access to services - adults; Collaboration and support needs related to school-based services; Obstacles in access to services - children*

Robert Althoff, Interim Chair, Psychiatry at UVM MC

Karim Chapman, Executive Director, Vermont Psychiatric Survivors

Gretchen Elias, Executive Director, Good Beginnings of Central Vermont

Laurie Emerson, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Vermont

Daniel Franklin, Vice President for Advocacy and Community Relations, Vermont Association of Mental Health and Addiction Recovery (Recovery Vermont)

Matt Habedank, Children's Behavior Services Program Manager, Northwestern  
Counseling and Support Services

Margaret Joyal, Adult Outpatient Director, Center for Counseling and Psychological  
Services of Washington County Mental Health

Sandi Yandow, Interim Executive Director, Vermont Federation of Families for  
Children's Mental Health

**2:42 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**2:55 PM**      **Vermont Hospital Patients Financial Assistance**

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Eric Schultheis, Staff Attorney, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

**3:50 PM**      **Adjourn**

## Wednesday, February 2, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget**

*Department of Vermont Health Access*

Alicia Cooper, Director of Managed Care Operations, Department of Vermont Health  
Access

Andrea DeLaBruere, Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

Sandi Hoffman, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access

Addie Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

Stephen Wisloski, Chief Financial Officer, Department of Vermont Health Access

**10:15 AM**      **15 Minute Break**

**10:30 AM**

**H.655 - An act relating to telehealth licensure and registration and to provisional licensure for professions regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

**12:00 PM Lunch**

**1:00 PM H.655 - An act relating to telehealth licensure and registration and to provisional licensure for professions regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

**3:00 PM House Floor**

## Thursday, February 3, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM Nursing Workforce**

Elizabeth Cote, Director, Office of Primary Care and AHEC Program, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Katherine Levasseur, Director of External & Government Affairs, Vermont State Colleges

Paulette Thabault, Professor and Director, Norwich University School of Nursing

**10:45 AM 15 Minute Break**

**11:00 AM Nursing Workforce**

*Continued*

Sarah Billings-Berg, Health Services Coordinator, Vermont Technical College

Rosemary Dale, Chair of the Department of Nursing, University of Vermont College of

## Nursing and Health Sciences

Lisa Fox, Associate Dean of Nursing, Vermont Technical College

Helen Papeika, Department Chair, School of Nursing, Castleton University

Robert Patterson, Vice President of Human Resources and Clinical Operations, Central Vermont Medical Center

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch****1:00 PM**      **House Floor**

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**Friday, February 4, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****10:30 AM**      **House Floor****15 Minutes After  
the Floor**      **H.655 - An act relating to telehealth licensure and registration and to provisional  
licensure for professions regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation***Committee discussion and possible vote***12:00 AM**      **Lunch****1:15 PM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget***Department of Mental Health, continued.*

Alison Krompf, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Shannon Thompson, Financial Director, Department of Mental Health

**3:00 PM**      **Adjourn**

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**Tuesday, February 8, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record****10:00 AM**      **House Floor****After the Floor**      **Caucuses****15 Minutes After**      **Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget**  
**Caucuses***Testimony from the Vermont State Dental Society*

James Feehan, Lobbyist, Vermont State Dental Society

Patrick Gallivan, Executive Director, Vermont State Dental Society

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****9:00 AM**      **Health Care Workforce**

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

Elizabeth Deutsch, Labor and Delivery Nurse, UVM Medical Center

Mary Kate Mohlman, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Michelle Wade, President, Vermont Association of Nurse Practitioners

**10:30 AM**      **15 Minute Break****10:45 AM**      **Health Care Workforce***Continued*Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of  
Hospitals and Health Systems

Jill Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

Laura Pelosi, Lobbyist, Vermont Health Care Association

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch****1:15 PM**      **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management***Introduction and walk-through*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rep. Mari Cordes, Lead Sponsor

**3:00 PM**     **House Floor**

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**Thursday, February 10, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**     Standard**Meeting Record****9:00 AM**     **Green Mountain Care Board - Hospital Sustainability Report***Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare.*

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Alena Berube, Director of Health Systems Policy, Green Mountain Care Board

Jessica Holmes, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

**10:25 AM**     **15 Minute Break****10:40 AM**     **Green Mountain Care Board - Hospital Sustainability Report***Continued*

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Alena Berube, Director of Health Systems Policy, Green Mountain Care Board

Jessica Holmes, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

**12:00 PM**     **Lunch****1:00 PM**     **House Floor****15 Minutes after**     **Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget**  
**the Floor***Committee discussion*

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**Friday, February 11, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>9:30 AM</b>	<b>House Floor</b>
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<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget</b>
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*Committee discussion*

<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
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<b>1:15 PM</b>	<b>Mental Health Workforce</b>
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Robert Althoff, Interim Chair, Psychiatry at UVM MC

Anne Billodeau, Director of Human Resources, Health Care and Rehabilitation Services

Amethyst Brasfield, Residential Counselor, Northeastern Family Institute, Vermont

Annamarie Cioffari, Director, M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, Northern Vermont University

Lauren Layman, Staff Attorney, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Dr. Chuck Myers, Executive Director, Northeastern Family Institute, Vermont

Ben Rees, Community Integration Specialist, Northeastern Family Institute, Vermont

Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners: VT Council

Jena Trombly, Director of Human Resources, Clara Martin Center

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022****Meeting Details**

<b>Hearing Type</b>	Standard
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**Meeting Record**

<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>House Floor</b>
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<b>After the Floor</b>	<b>Caucuses</b>
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<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
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**1:00 PM Pathways Vermont***Testimony from Pathways Vermont*

Hilary Melton, Executive Director, Pathways Vermont

Lindsay Mesa, Program Director, Housing First, Pathways Vermont

**2:00 PM Break****3:00 PM Governor's Health Care Workforce Proposals**

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

**3:55 PM Adjourn**

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**Wednesday, February 16, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type** Standard**Meeting Record****9:00 AM Health Care Workforce***Committee discussion***9:35 AM 10 Minute Break****9:45 AM Health Care Workforce***Committee discussion, continued***10:40 AM 15 Minute Break****11:00 AM Health Care Workforce***Committee discussion, continued***12:00 PM Lunch****1:00 PM Suicide Prevention**

*Testimony and committee discussion*

Rebecca Bell, Pediatric Critical Care, University of Vermont Children's Hospital

Thomas Delaney, Associate Professor, Pediatrics, Larner College of Medicine at the University of Vermont

Emily Hackett-Fiske, Mother, Williston, Vermont

Alison Krompf, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Terri Lavelly, Field Advocate, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Vermont Chapter

Nick Nichols, Suicide Prevention Program Coordinator, Vermont Department of Health

**3:00 PM**      **House Floor**

## Thursday, February 17, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Health Equity Report**

*Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare. Meeting will be live streamed here: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare>*

Andrea Brett, Chair, Racial Equity Advisory Panel

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity and Chair of the Governor's Task Force on Racial Equality, Agency of Administration

Mark Hughes, Executive Director, Health Equity Advisory Commission

**10:30 AM**      **Election of Legislative Trustees of the Vermont State Colleges Corporation**

*Joint Assembly*

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **Hospital Sustainability**

*Testimony and committee discussion*

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board

Alena Berube, Director of Health Systems Policy, Green Mountain Care Board

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

Jean Stetter, Administrative Services Director, Green Mountain Care Board

**3:00 PM**     **House Floor**

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## Friday, February 18, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**     **House Floor**

**12:00 PM**     **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**     **Essential Health Benefits (EHB) and Vermont Medicaid Benefits**

*Testimony on hearing services (background for H.266)*

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Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access

Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

**1:55 PM**     **10 Minute Break**

**2:05 PM**     **Health Care Workforce**

*Final committee discussion and recommendations*

**4:00 PM**     **Adjourn**

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## Tuesday, February 22, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** **House Floor**

**After the Floor** **Caucuses**

**12:00 PM** **Lunch**

**1:00 PM** **Health Disparities Grant**

Heidi Klein, Director of Planning and Health Care Quality, Department of Health

**2:10 PM** **15 Minute Break**

**2:25 PM** **Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget**

*Committee discussion*

**3:40 PM** **Adjourn**

## Wednesday, February 23, 2022

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM** **H.287 - An act relating to patient financial assistance policies and medical debt protection**

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems

**9:30 AM** **Break**

**9:55 AM** **Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget**

*Testimony and committee discussion*

Jessica Holmes, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

**11:12 AM**      **Break**

**11:20 AM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget**

*Testimony and committee discussion, continued*

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:15 PM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget**

*Committee discussion and recommendations*

**2:15 PM**      **Break**

**3:00 PM**      **House Floor**

**3:30 PM**      **Governor's Proposed FY2023 Budget**

*Committee discussion and final recommendations*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**4:15 PM**      **Adjourn**

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## Thursday, February 24, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **H.266 - An act relating to health insurance coverage for hearing aids**

*Walk-through and testimony*

*ASL translation will be available.*

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Ruby Baker, Executive Director, Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Rebecca Chalmers, Steering Committee Member, Hearing Loss Association of America  
— Vermont Chapter

Valerie Hughes, Deaf Independence Program Coordinator, Vermont Center for  
Independent Living

Julie Porter, Audiologist, University of Vermont Medical Center

**10:30 AM**      **Break**

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

**3:00 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Friday, February 25, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

-      **Adjourn**

*Committee will adjourn early due to inclement weather*

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## Tuesday, March 8, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **H.279 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes affecting the duties of the  
Department of Vermont Health Access**

*Testimony, walk-through, and possible vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Lisa Hurteau, Clinical Pharmacist, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)

**10:00 AM**      **House Floor**

**After the Floor**      **Caucuses**

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:30 PM**      **H.287 - An act relating to patient financial assistance policies and medical debt protection**

*Testimony, walk-through, and possible vote*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of  
Hospitals and Health Systems

**3:00 PM**      **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM**      **H.498 - An act relating to the Green Mountain Care Board's duties and reappointment processes**

*Walk-through and testimony*

Michael Barber, General Counsel, Green Mountain Care Board

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

**4:00 PM**      **Adjourn**

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## Wednesday, March 9, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM H.266 - An act relating to health insurance coverage for hearing aids**

*Testimony and committee discussion*

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Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation  
Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)  
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**10:20 AM 15 Minute Break****10:40 AM H.266 - An act relating to health insurance coverage for hearing aids**

*Testimony and committee discussion, continued*

*Captioning available here:*

Michael Barber, General Counsel, Green Mountain Care Board  
Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Nissa James, Health Care Director, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)  
Charles Storrow, Lobbyist, MVP Healthcare  
Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

**12:00 PM Lunch****1:00 PM H.266 - An act relating to health insurance coverage for hearing aids**

*Committee discussion*

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Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:25 PM 10 Minute Break****2:35 PM H.266 - An act relating to health insurance coverage for hearing aids**

*Committee discussion and possible vote*

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Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM**      **House Floor**

**After the Floor**      **H.287 - An act relating to patient financial assistance policies and medical debt protection**

*Committee vote*

-      **Adjourn**

## Thursday, March 10, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

*Testimony and committee discussion*

Rep. Mari Cordes, Sponsor, Addison-4

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

**10:30 AM**      **15 Minute Break**

**10:45 AM**      **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

*Testimony and committee discussion, continued*

Sam Hallemeier, Director of State Affairs, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA)

Steven Larrabee, Senior Director, State Government Affairs, CVS Health

Charles Storrow, Leonine Public Affairs, MVP Healthcare

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

*Testimony and committee discussion, continued*

Lauren Bode, Executive Director, Vermont Pharmacists Association (VPA)

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

Jeff Hochberg, President, Vermont Retail Druggists

Marty Irons, Representative, Vermont Pharmacists Association

Mary Kate Mohlman, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Lynne Vezina, Pharmacist and Owner, Vermont Family Pharmacy

**3:00 PM**      **House Floor**

**After the Floor**      **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

*Committee discussion*

## Friday, March 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **H.655 - An act relating to telehealth licensure and registration and to provisional licensure for professions regulated by the Office of Professional Regulation**

*Review of Committee on Ways and Means Amendment*

Rep. David Durfee, Reporter, House Committee on Ways and Means

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**2:30 PM**      **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

*Walk-through of new draft, committee discussion, and possible vote*

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sam Hallemeier, Director of State Affairs, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association (PCMA)

Jeff Hochberg, President, Vermont Retail Druggists

Steven Larrabee, Senior Director, State Government Affairs, CVS Health

Charles Storrow, Leonine Public Affairs, MVP Healthcare

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue

Shield of Vermont

**3:30 PM**    **Adjourn**

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**Tuesday, March 15, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**    Standard**Meeting Record****10:00 AM**    **House Floor****After the Floor**    **Caucuses**-    **Adjourn**

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**Wednesday, March 16, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**    Standard**Meeting Record****9:00 AM**    **Review of H.266***Goldman Amendment*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

-    **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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**10:10 AM**    **Adjourn**

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **House Floor**

*Captioning for second reading of H.266 can be found here: <https://www.captionedtext.com/client/event.aspx?EventID=5065131&CustomerID=4322>*

## Thursday, March 17, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **Review of House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development Bill H.703**

*Review of Health Care workforce recommendations*

Rep. Stephanie Jerome, House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

Rep. Michael Nigro, House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development

**10:40 AM**      **15 Minute Break**

**10:55 AM**      **Preliminary Review of Senate Health and Welfare Bill S.195**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

-      **Preliminary Review of Senate Health and Welfare Bill S.197**

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **House Floor**

## Friday, March 18, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record****9:30 AM**      **House Floor**-      **Lunch****1:00 PM**      **Review of House Government Operations Bill H.661**

Xusana Davis, Executive Director of Racial Equity, Agency of Administration

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office

Rep. Tanya Vyhovsky, Sponsor

**1:55 PM**      **Adjourn****Tuesday, March 22, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****10:00 AM**      **House Floor****After the Floor**      **Caucuses**-      **Adjourn****Wednesday, March 23, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****10:00 AM**      **Review of House Committee on Commerce and Economic Development Bill H.703***Review of updated health care workforce recommendations*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Thursday, March 24, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information**

*Walk-through and testimony*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Jason Williams, Director of Government and Community Relations, University of Vermont Medical Center

**10:30 AM**      **Retention of Superior Court Judges**

*Joint Assembly*

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Friday, March 25, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:45 PM S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

*Overview of the Vermont Blueprint for Health*

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Julie Parker, Assistant Director, Blueprint for Health, Department of Vermont Health Access

John Saroyan, Executive Director, Blueprint for Health, Department of Vermont Health Access

Laura Wreschnig, Data Analytics and Information Administrator, Blueprint for Health, Department of Vermont Health Access

**3:30 PM Adjourn**

**Tuesday, March 29, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM House Floor**

**After the Floor Caucuses**

**- Lunch**

**1:00 PM S.195 - An act relating to the certification of mental health peer support specialists**

*Walk-through and fiscal note*

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**2:00 PM**

**S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

*Overview of Vermont Health Information Exchange (VHIE) and Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System (VHCURES)*

Sarah Lindberg, Health Services Researcher, Green Mountain Care Board

Emily Richards, Health Information Exchange Program Director, Office of Health Care Reform, Vermont Agency of Human Services, Office of Health Care Reform

**3:15 PM     Adjourn**

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## Wednesday, March 30, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM     S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information**

Kristin Cook, Lead Underwriter, National Life Group

Eric Dupont, Vice President and Counsel, Government Affairs, Guardian Life Insurance

Debra Leonard, Chair and Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, UVM Larner College of Medicine and UVM Health Network

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Mark Lewy, Chief Medical Director, Guardian Life Insurance

Jill Rickard, Regional Vice President, American Council of Life Insurers

Robert Wildin, Associate Professor and Associate Medical Director of the Genomic Medicine Laboratory, UVM Larner College of Medicine and UVM Health Network

Jason Williams, Director of Government and Community Relations, University of Vermont Medical Center

**11:30 AM     Break**

**12:00 PM     Lunch**

**1:45 PM     Update on Hospital Emergency Department Wait Times**

Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Alison Krompf, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

Samantha Sweet, Director of Mental Health Services, Department of Mental Health

**3:00 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Thursday, March 31, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **State of Vermont Health Services Wait Times Report**

*Joint meeting with the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare. Meeting will be livestreamed here: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/committee/streaming/senate-health-and-welfare>*

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services  
Susan Barrett, Executive Director, Green Mountain Care Board  
Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation  
Isaac Dayno, Special Assistant to the Commissioner (Project Manager), Department of Financial Regulation  
Michael Pieciak, Commissioner, Department of Financial Regulation

**10:00 AM**      **Break**

**10:30 AM**      **S.195 - An act relating to the certification of mental health peer support specialists**

*Testimony*

Lauren Hibbert, Director, Office of Professional Regulation, Secretary of State's Office  
Alison Krompf, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Mental Health  
Wilda White, Founder, Mad Freedom

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **S.239 - An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplemental insurance policies**

*Walk-through and testimony*

Sebastian Arduengo, Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation  
Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation  
Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel  
Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid  
Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue

Shield of Vermont

**2:30 PM**      **Break**

**3:00 PM**      **House Floor**

## Friday, April 1, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM**      **House Floor**

**After the Floor**      **S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information**

*Committee discussion*

Sen. Ruth Hardy, Reporter, Senate Committee on Finance

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:15 PM**      **S.239 - An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplemental insurance policies**

*Testimony*

Ruby Baker, Executive Director, Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)

Meg Burmeister, Executive Director, Northeast Kingdom Council on Aging

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Elizabeth Lively, Eastern Region Advocacy Director, Dialysis Patient Citizens

**2:35 PM**      **Adjourn**

## Tuesday, April 5, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

**Meeting Record****10:00 AM**      **House Floor****After the Floor**      **Caucuses****12:00 PM**      **Lunch****1:00 PM**      **S.239 - An act relating to enrollment in Medicare supplemental insurance policies***Committee discussion and possible vote*

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid**2:30 PM**      **S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information***Committee discussion*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:05 PM**      **15 Minute Break****3:25 PM**      **S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information***Continued*

Damien Leonard, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:30 PM**      **Adjourn**

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**Wednesday, April 6, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record****9:00 AM**      **2021 Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey**

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Jennifer Hicks, Research, Epidemiology, and Evaluation Unit Chief, Department of

## Health

Sean Sheehan, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst, Department of Vermont

Health Access

**10:30 AM**      **15 Minute Break****10:50 AM**      **2021 Vermont Household Health Insurance Survey***Committee discussion*

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

**11:20 AM**      **Break****12:00 PM**      **Lunch****1:00 PM**      **Telepsychiatry and Emergency Department Quality of Care Initiatives**

Catherine Fulton, Executive Director, Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc.  
(VPQHC)

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of  
Hospitals and Health Systems

Emma Harrigan, Director of Policy Analysis and Development, Vermont Association of  
Hospitals and Health Systems

Hillary Wolfley, Associate Director, Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care, Inc.  
(VPQHC)

**3:00 PM**      **House Floor****Thursday, April 7, 2022****Meeting Details****Hearing Type**      Standard**Meeting Record**-      **No Meeting Scheduled****12:00 AM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM S.195 - An act relating to the certification of mental health peer support specialists***Testimony and committee discussion*

Laurie Emerson, Executive Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Vermont

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Patricia Singer MD, Adult Mental Health Operations Director, Department of Mental Health

Wilda White, Founder, Mad Freedom

Sandi Yandow, Executive Director, Vermont Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health

**3:00 PM House Floor****Friday, April 8, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record****9:30 AM House Floor****After the Floor S.247 - An act relating to prohibiting discrimination based on genetic information**

*Committee discussion and possible vote*

**12:00 PM Lunch****1:15 PM S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

*Introduction and walk-through*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sen. Virginia "Ginny" Lyons, Reporter

- **Adjourn**

**Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM** **House Floor**

**After the Floor** **Caucuses**

**12:00 PM** **Lunch**

**1:00 PM** **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

*Testimony on sections 1, 2, 3, and 10*

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

Kevin Mullin, Chair, Green Mountain Care Board

**2:20 PM** **Adjourn**

**Wednesday, April 13, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM** **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

*Testimony on sections 1, 2, 3, and 10*

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of  
Hospitals and Health Systems

Jill Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont

**12:00 PM** **Lunch**

- 1:30 PM**      **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**
- Testimony, continued*
- Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
- Mary Kate Mohlman, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care Association

**3:00 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Thursday, April 14, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:15 AM**      **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**
- Follow up testimony on sections 1, 2, 3, and 10*
- Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board
- 11:00 AM**      **15 Minute Break**
- 11:20 AM**      **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**
- Committee discussion on sections 1-3; 10*
- 12:00 PM**      **Lunch**
- **No Meeting Scheduled**
- 3:00 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Friday, April 15, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** House Floor

- No Committee Meeting

## Tuesday, April 19, 2022

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** House Floor

**After the Floor** Caucuses

**12:00 PM** Lunch

**1:00 PM** **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

*Testimony on sections 4-7*

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Sarah Lindberg, Health Services Researcher, Green Mountain Care Board

Kathryn O'Neill, Director of Data Management Analysis and Data Integrity, Green Mountain Care Board

John Saroyan, Executive Director, Blueprint for Health, Department of Vermont Health Access

Eric Schultheis, Staff Attorney, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Vermont

**3:00 PM** **15 Minute Break**

**3:15 PM** **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

*Committee discussion*

**3:30 PM**     **Adjourn**

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## Wednesday, April 20, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**     **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

*Committee discussion*

Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society

**9:50 AM**     **Break until 10:30 a.m.**

**11:00 AM**     **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

*Sections 1-3, 10*

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board

**12:00 PM**     **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**     **House Floor**

**2:30 PM**     **S.195 - An act relating to the certification of mental health peer support specialists**

*Committee discussion*

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

Katie McLinn, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**3:00 PM**     **Adjourn**

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## Thursday, April 21, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

- 9:00 AM** **S.195 - An act relating to the certification of mental health peer support specialists**  
*Committee discussion and possible vote*
- 9:25 AM** **Break until 10:30 a.m.**
- 10:30 AM** **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**  
*Committee discussion*  
Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services  
Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems  
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Robin Lunge, Board Member, Green Mountain Care Board
- 12:00 PM** **Lunch**
- 1:00 PM** **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**  
*Committee discussion*  
Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office  
Jill Olson, Executive Director, VNAs of Vermont  
Rep. Theresa Wood, Reporter, House Committee On Human Services
- 1:45 PM** **15 Minute Break**
- 2:00 PM** **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**  
*Committee discussion and possible vote*  
Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel
- 3:00 PM**

## House Floor

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### Friday, April 22, 2022

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**9:30 AM** House Floor

**12:00 PM** Lunch

- **No Meeting Scheduled for Today**

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### Tuesday, April 26, 2022

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM** House Floor

**After the Floor** Caucuses

- **Adjourn**

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### Wednesday, April 27, 2022

#### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

#### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM**      **Review of H. 703 - An act relating to promoting workforce development**  
*Update on recommendations of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee*

-      **Review of S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

*Review of House Appropriations Committee Amendment*

Nolan Langweil, Senior Fiscal Analyst, Joint Fiscal Office

**10:20 AM**      **Adjourn**

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Thursday, April 28, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**      **H.266 - An act relating to health insurance coverage for hearing aids**

*Review of Senate Committee on Health and Welfare Amendment*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**10:30 AM**      **FY2023 Budget**

*Review of language proposal regarding mobile crisis outreach services and Emergency Department patient experience of care*

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **House Floor**

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## Friday, April 29, 2022

**Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:30 AM** House Floor

**12:00 PM** Lunch

- **No Committee Meeting Scheduled**

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**Tuesday, May 3, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**10:00 AM** House Floor

**After the Floor** **Caucuses**

- **Adjourn**

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**Wednesday, May 4, 2022****Meeting Details**

**Hearing Type** Standard

**Meeting Record**

**9:00 AM** **H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance regulation**

*Review of Senate Proposal of Amendment regarding "merged/unmerged markets"*

Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

Michael Barber, General Counsel, Green Mountain Care Board

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Office of the Health Care Advocate,  
Vermont Legal Aid

Sean Sheehan, Senior Policy and Implementation Analyst, Department for Vermont  
Health Access

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue  
Shield of Vermont

**10:40 AM**      **10 Minute Break**

**10:50 AM**      **H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance  
regulation**

*Committee discussion of Senate Proposal of Amendment regarding "merged/unmerged  
markets"*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public and Media Relations, Blue Cross/Blue  
Shield of Vermont

-      **H.279 - An act relating to miscellaneous changes affecting the duties of the  
Department of Vermont Health Access**

*Review of Senate Proposal of Amendment*

**12:00 PM**      **Lunch**

**1:00 PM**      **House Floor**

## Thursday, May 5, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**      Standard

### Meeting Record

**11:00 AM**      **H.489 - An act relating to miscellaneous provisions affecting health insurance  
regulation**

*Review of Donahue, et al. Amendment*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

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## Review of Bills Moving Between House and Senate

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM House Floor

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## Friday, May 6, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

9:30 AM House Floor

Break in the House Floor **S.285 - An act relating to health care reform initiatives, data collection, and access to home- and community-based services**

*Review of Further Senate Proposition of Amendment*

Jennifer Carbee, Director and Chief Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

12:00 PM Lunch

1:00 PM House Floor

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## Monday, May 9, 2022

### Meeting Details

Hearing Type Standard

### Meeting Record

1:00 PM House Floor

- Adjourn

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## Tuesday, May 10, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM** **JRS53 - Joint resolution supporting transgender youth and their parents who seek essential medical care for the treatment of gender dysphoria**

*Walk-through*

Michele Childs, Legislative Counsel, Office of Legislative Counsel

**10:00 AM** **House Floor**

**After Caucus of the Whole** **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

*Review of Senate Proposal of Amendment*

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## Wednesday, May 11, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**9:00 AM** **H.353 - An act relating to pharmacy benefit management**

Sebastian Arduengo , Assistant General Counsel, Department of Financial Regulation

Emily Brown, Director of Insurance Regulation, Department of Financial Regulation

**10:00 AM** **House Floor**

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## Thursday, May 12, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type** Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**     **House Floor**

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## Friday, May 13, 2022

### Meeting Details

**Hearing Type**     Standard

### Meeting Record

**10:00 AM**     **House Floor**

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