

State of Vermont

Department of Vermont Health Access

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Agency of Human Services

Memorandum

To: _____
From: Cory Gustafson, Commissioner DVHA
Date: October 16, 2017
Subject: Opening on Vermont's Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Board

Thank you for your interest in the Medicaid and Exchange Advisory Board (MEAB). The advisory board includes members of the provider, small business and healthcare advocate communities, as well as Medicaid and healthcare consumers. The board's job is to make recommendations to the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) about processes and policy. Membership on the MEAB gives you the opportunity to:

- Learn about Vermont's healthcare policies
- Contribute your voice and opinion toward shaping Vermont's healthcare landscape
- Discuss possible changes to federal healthcare law
- Participate in discussions with key leaders in Vermont healthcare

No prior policy experience necessary. Applicants only need:

1. Experience as a Medicaid consumer; and
2. A desire to serve on this board.

If you have questions about qualifications, please contact Molly Waldstein, the MEAB staff liaison:

Molly Waldstein
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The staff liaison can answer questions and provide additional information, including the duties and functions of the MEAB and the Vermont State statute requirements.



Tools are available to help new members learn about healthcare in Vermont. Some key issues include:

- Healthcare payment reform
- Changes to federal healthcare law
- Medicaid and Exchange (Vermont Health Connect) operations and outreach
- Medicaid budget impacts for the Department of Vermont Health Access, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living and the Vermont Department of Health
- Review of healthcare rules changes, and proposed state legislation

We ask members to participate in at least 9 meetings per year, either in person or by phone. Meetings are held the fourth Monday of each month from 10:00am – 12:00pm at the Waterbury State Office Complex in the Ash Conference Room, unless the group decides otherwise.

MEAB members can receive \$50.00 for each meeting attended, plus reimbursement of travel expenses. Reimbursement may be available for other expenses, such as child care, personal assistance services, and any other service needed for participation on the committee, as approved by the DVHA Commissioner.

To apply, please fill out the application form and send it to Molly, the MEAB staff liaison, by December 1, 2017 at the address on the previous page. You may also want to keep a copy for your records. All applications will be carefully reviewed, and the candidate best suited to the opening will be selected. After the selection is made, each candidate will be notified of their status.

Thank you for your interest.

MEAB Membership Application

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| First and Last Name: | |
| Mailing Address: | |
| Home Telephone Number: | Other Contact Telephone Number: |
| E-mail Address: | |
| Experience with Health Care Advocacy, Public Health Care Programs and Medicaid: | |
| Interest in Participating on the Board: | |



Experience as a Board Member:

What can you bring to the Board?

Current Organization/Non-Profit Affiliations:

Please retain a copy for your records. Submit application to the MEAB staff liaison at:

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