

STATE OF VERMONT
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD

In re: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont)
2019 Vermont Individual and Small Group Rate Filing) GMCB-009-18-rr
)

HCA EXPERT WITNESS DISCLOSURE

The Office of the Health Care Advocate (HCA) presents the following information on the qualifications and compensation of our expert witnesses, HCA Chief Advocate Mike Fisher and HCA Hotline Supervising Attorney Marjorie Stinchcombe, in the above captioned case:

Mr. Fisher's and Ms. Stinchcombe's Curricula Vitae are attached, disclosing their qualifications as expert witnesses.

Both Mr. Fisher and Ms. Stinchcombe are salaried employees of the HCA. However, their testimonies in the above captioned matter are not a part of their regular workload. They are not receiving any additional money to testify.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 4th day of June, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kaili Kuiper, hereby certify that I have served the above Notice of Appearance on Judith Henkin, General Counsel to the Green Mountain Care Board; Sebastian Arduengo, Green Mountain Care Board Staff Attorney; Agatha Kessler, Green Mountain Care Board Health Policy Director; and Jacqueline Hughes, representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont, by electronic mail, return receipt requested, this 4th day of June, 2018.

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- **Bar Admissions: Massachusetts (1/28/03) and Vermont (5/19/04)**

EXPERIENCE

Supervising Attorney, Health Care Advocate's Office, Vermont Legal Aid; March 2013 to present.

- Manage the operation of the health care hotline which receives thousands of calls each year from Vermont consumers with health care issues.
- Supervise seven paralegals on the health care hotline.
- Comment on proposed changes to rules or laws that impact consumer access to health care.
- Stay abreast of state and federal changes to health care laws related to state health insurance programs and commercial health insurance.
- Represent consumers in administrative hearings.
- Conduct internal and external trainings: training includes eligibility for state health insurance programs; Medicare, ACA, and tax issues related to the ACA.
- Maintain close relationships with and serve as a resource for health care information for local non-profit agencies.

Managing Attorney, Burlington Office, Vermont Legal Aid; October 2016 to present.

- Help implement VLA's long term goals
- Assist with the supervision of 30 attorneys, paralegals and support staff in the Burlington office.
- Develop office protocols to ensure that clients are served effectively.
- Resolve internal disputes.

Staff Attorney, Poverty Law Project, Vermont Legal Aid; February 2004 to February 2013

- Represented low-income Vermonters in housing, unemployment, benefits, and family cases.
- Collaborated with local shelters to provide victims of domestic violence legal representation.
- Conducted training programs for domestic violence advocates.
- Served as member of the Vermont Domestic Violence Council.

Judicial Clerk, Rhode Island Supreme Court, Providence, R.I. September 2002- September 2003.

- Researched and drafted decisions and memoranda regarding administrative appeals, zoning board appeals, rules of civil procedure, contracts, and evidentiary issues.

EDUCATION

Vermont Law School, South Royalton, VT
J.D. cum laude, May 2002

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Master's Degree in Journalism, May 1995

Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA
Bachelor of Arts *magna cum laude*, May 1993

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

OFFICE OF THE HEALTH CARE ADVOCATE, Vermont Legal Aid, Burlington, VT
Chief Health Care Advocate, January 2017 to Present

Represent the interests of Vermonters to promote improvements to the health care system, health care affordability, and access to care.

- Supervise and support a staff of twelve who provide direct individual advocacy through the Health Care Advocate Office's Hotline and policy advocacy throughout state government.
- Advocate for the public on health care access and affordability issues in state legislative and administrative forums.
- Coordinate health care advocacy and policy work with other Vermont Legal Aid projects and partners

ADDISON PARENT CHILD CENTER, Middlebury, VT
Outreach Social Work Clinician, 1989 to December 2016

Experienced community social work clinician with practice in the complexity of home and community based services for families with multiple and complex health care and human service needs.

- Advocated for families to support their right for fair treatment to assure that the human service, health care and court systems honor families' rights.
- Collaborated with partner organizations in Addison County to create effective services to meet the needs of identified populations and to improve the counties' systems of care.
- Provided supervision for staff to promote continuous quality improvement.
- Managed grants, including writing, submitting, documenting, and completing annual reports.

MEDICAID AND HOME VISITING LEARNING NETWORK, Hinesburg, VT
Sub-contractor for Johnson Consulting, 2015 to December 2016

Pugh Charitable Trust and Heising-Simons funded project, building expertise through collaboration between eleven States. Project assembled teams from each state to focus on building statewide networks of early childhood home visiting services and to facilitate peer education between the states on issues relating to Medicaid funding options.

VERMONT HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, Montpelier, VT
State Representative, 2001-2014

Elected seven times (14 years) to represent Addison – 4 District in the Vermont State Legislature. Served in a variety of leadership roles including Vice Chair (1 year) and Chair (3 years) of the House Health Care Committee and Vice-Chair of House Human Services Committee (6 years).

Accomplishments include:

- Management and facilitation of the committee process with a diverse group of Legislators and staff to set short and long term goals. Created a respectful committee process that brought stakeholders together, including administration, lobbyist, advocates, legislators, and citizens together to the policy making table. Provided leadership to support the committee process of moving from education to decision making in various areas of public policy in a timely fashion.
- Provided consultation to leadership on various levels including policy issues and legislative procedures as well as public perceptions.
- Reduced Vermont's uninsured rate from 7% to 3% by expanding coverage to Vermonters through the legislation enabling Vermont Health Connect, Vermont's state based insurance marketplace and expansion of Vermont Medicaid.
- Created the Green Mountain Care Board and provided legislative leadership to adjust their mission to create a more streamlined and informed decision making process for future health policy.
- Led a multiyear effort to transition funding for the ten Teen Parent Education programs from TANF MOE to a more stable funding source.
- Expanded access to mental health services through legislation requiring insurance carriers to empanel mental health providers who are licensed and willing to agree to insurance company requirements.
- Developed legislation to increase access to photo voltaic net metering for small scale projects across the state. Worked with sustainable energy advocacy groups to move this legislation through the legislative process.

EDUCATION

Masters of Social Work, University of Vermont, Burlington VT, 1998

Bachelor of Arts, Hampshire College, Amherst MA, 1988

PRESENTATIONS

NCSL AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS, multiple locations

2011 to 2014

Discussed the policy proposals and motivations of Vermont's health care policy before large groups of legislators and other stakeholders at national forums.

MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH POLICY FORUM, Boston, MA

Stepping Toward Single Payer: An Inside look at Vermont, June 2011

COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS ON HEALTH CARE REFORM IN VERMONT, multiple locations

2011 to 2012

Organized and presented at community engagement meetings designed to educate the public on health care reform efforts. These meetings took place in various communities including Brandon, Chester, Huntington, Randolph, Rutland, Vergennes and Waterbury.

GEORGETOWN LAW SCHOOL, Washington, D.C.

Who Decides About War: National Conference on War Powers, Law and Democracy, October 2009

Presentation on war powers from the state's perspective.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Bi-State Primary Care Association President's Award - 2013
- American Psychiatric Association, Special Presidential Commendation – 2009
- Counseling Service of Addison County William Lippert Advocacy Award – 2009
- BuzzFlash.com Wings of Justice Award – 2007