

STATE OF VERMONT
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD

In re: Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont)
2020 Individual and Small Group Rate Filing) GMCB-006-19rr
)

HCA WITNESS DISCLOSURE

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate and Director of the Vermont Office of the Health Care Advocate (HCA), will be testifying on behalf of the HCA pursuant to 8 V.S.A. § 4062(e)(1)(B) and GMCB Rule § 2.307(d)(2).

Mr. Fisher's Curriculum Vitae is attached.

Mr. Fisher is a salaried employee of the HCA. He will receive no additional compensation for his testimony in this proceeding.

Mr. Fisher will testify on issues Vermonters face related to the cost of commercial health insurance, particularly as they relate to affordability and access to care.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont this 3rd day of June, 2019.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Kaili Kuiper, hereby certify that I have served the above HCA Expert Witness Disclosure on Michael Barber, Green Mountain Care Board General Counsel; Amerin Aborjaily, Green Mountain Care Board Staff Attorney; and Michael Donofrio and Bridget Asay, Stris & Maher LLP, representatives of BCBSVT, by electronic mail, return receipt requested, this 3rd day of June, 2019.

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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.

- Direct all activities of Vermont Legal Aid's Office of the Health Care Advocate
- Supervise and support seven advocates and a supervising attorney who provide individual advocacy to thousands of Vermonters each year who experience issues with Vermont's health care system
- Supervise and support two attorneys, a policy analyst, and a communications coordinator who advocate on behalf of Vermont consumers in health care policy arenas
- Liaise between the Office's advocacy and policy teams to ensure that the Office's policy work is directly informed by the experiences of Vermonters
- Monitor the Office's case database to identify systemic issues with Vermont's health care system
- Advocate on behalf of Vermonters on health care access, quality, and affordability issues in state legislative and administrative forums
- Coordinate health care advocacy and policy work with other Vermont Legal Aid projects and community 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).

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