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# **GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD ANNUAL REPORT**

## **HOUSE HEALTH CARE**

February 5<sup>th</sup> 2014

Al Gobeille

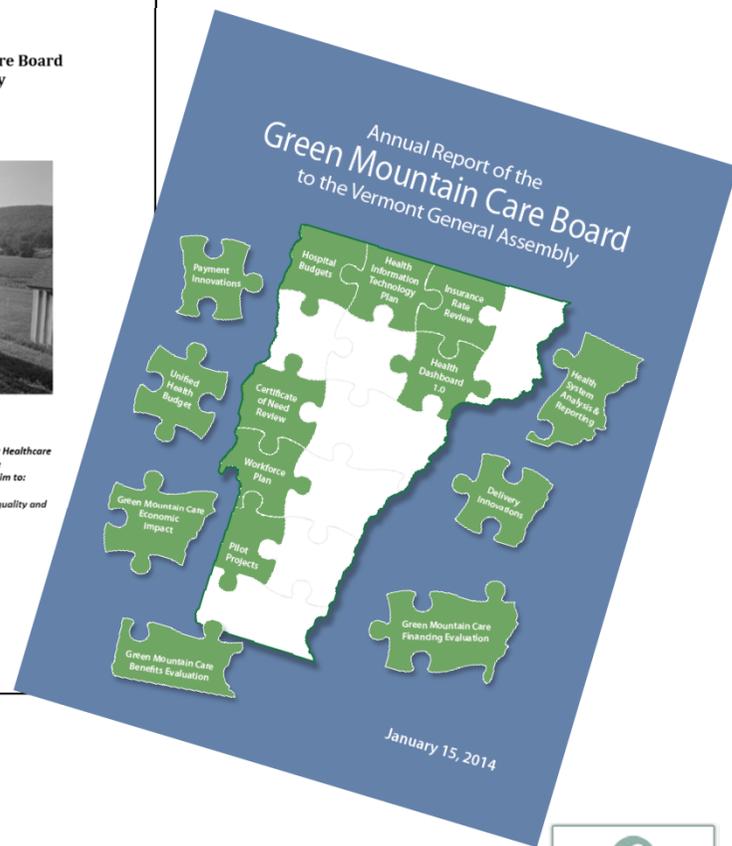
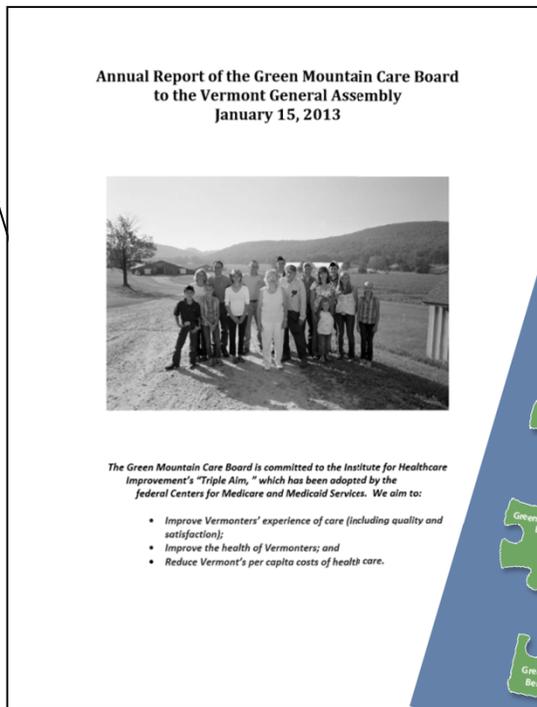
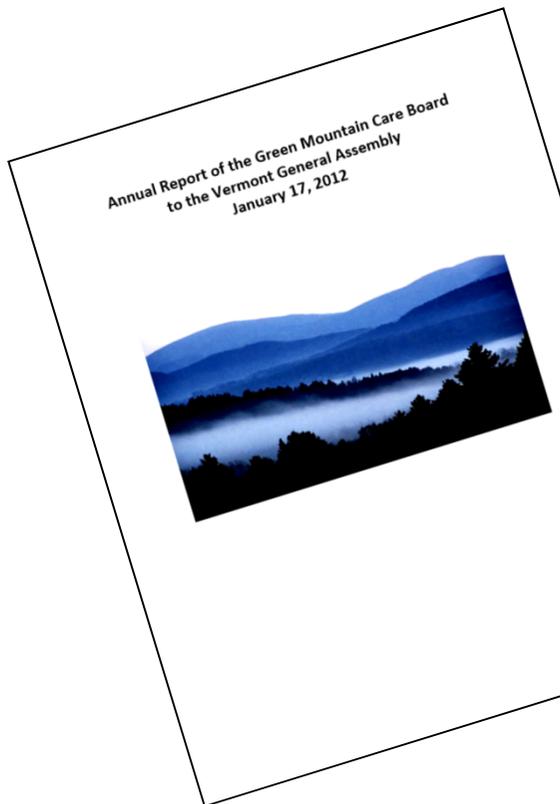
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VERMONT HEALTH REFORM



# Our third Annual Report



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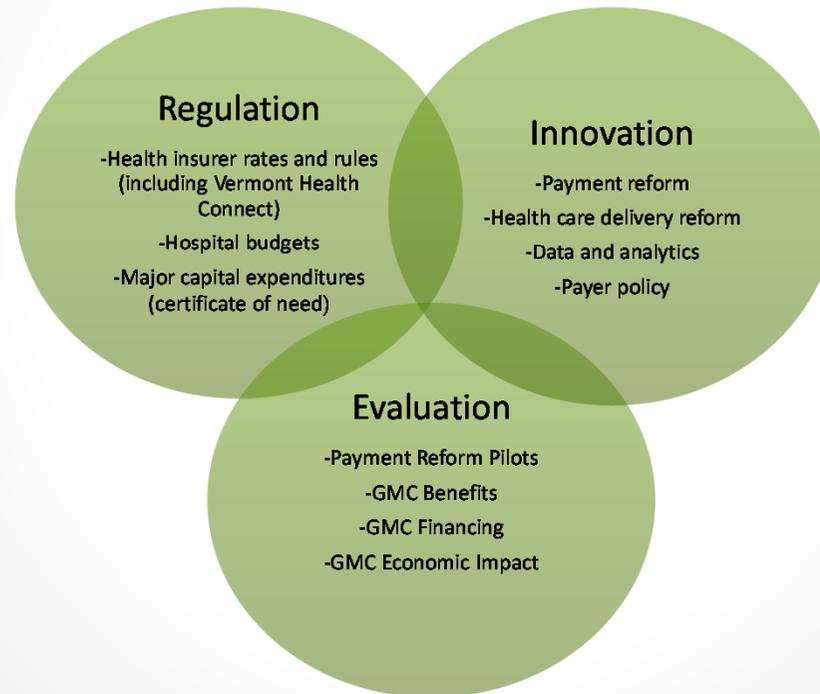
# Four goals.

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1. Meet the requirements of **Act 48**.
2. Target a **diverse set of audiences**:
  1. **Legislators**, as required.
  2. **All Vermonters** & others interested in Vermont's efforts.
3. Provide three layers of **accessibility**:
  - Executive Summary
  - Detailed Reports on Role/Progress/Priorities
  - Extensive documentation in appendices
4. Create a **reference document** useful throughout the year and in the future.

# ACT 48 & THE ROLE OF THE GMCB

## The Green Mountain Care Board



# Milestones in 2013

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- Vermont received \$45 million SIM grant.
- First transition in leadership:
  - Anya Rader Wallack and Georgia Maheras to SIM
  - Al Gobeille named Chair
  - Betty Rambur named to Board
- The Legislature took significant action in support of reform:
  - 3% Medicaid increase addressed cost shift & supported hospital budget regulation
  - Streamlined health insurance regulation process, assigning GMCB additional responsibility

# Progress in 2013

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- **Hospital budget regulation:** Growth of 2.7 percent, the lowest rate in Vermont in at least the past 15 years.
- **CON regulation:** Four CONs and one Conceptual Development Phase Certificate of Need (CCON).
- **Insurance rate regulation:** 31 health insurance rate decisions including reducing Vermont Health connect rates by approximately 5 percent.
- **Payment & Delivery Reform:** Worked with groups around the state to help launch and evaluate a growing set of reform initiatives, ranging from local pilots in oncology and heart failure, to statewide ACOs.

# Progress in 2013

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- **Health system analysis & reporting:** GMCB assumed responsibility for VHCURES, leading a broad public process to revise the rules governing reporting and paved the way for better analysis and forecasting.
- **Public Health/Population Health:** Increased activity led by a new Work Group.
- **Benefits:** GMCB led movement toward clearer definition, including commissioning a study on oral health needs.
- **Workforce:** GMCB approved the Administration's plan.
- **Public Engagement:** Launched "Traveling Board Meetings" around the state, built new health insurance rate review web site, and logged more than 60 speaking engagements.

# Priorities for 2014: Regulation

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- Maintain downward pressure on health care costs.
- Further integrate regulatory systems so that each cycle of each regulatory task fits into a broader context to serve Vermonters.

# Priorities for 2014: Innovation

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- Continue to refine and expand opportunities to test improvements in health care payment and delivery.
- Identify and address areas of the health care system, such as mental health/substance abuse, that may not have traditionally received equitable attention and support in payment and delivery reform efforts.
- Continue to integrate Public Health Improvement/Total Population Health strategies.

# Priorities for 2014: Evaluation

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- Continue to improve our ability to accurately and objectively monitor, evaluate, and report on Vermont's health care system.
- Evaluate and share results of health care innovation efforts.
- Clarify, communicate about, and plan for adequate support of the GMCB's evaluative duties with regard to Green Mountain Care.