

Bio – Robin J. Lunge, JD, MHCDS

Robin J. Lunge, JD, MHCDS began work as a Member of Vermont's Green Mountain Care Board on November 28, 2016. The Board is charged with regulating the health care industry, implementing health care payment and delivery system reform as provided for in state law and the All-Payer Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Model Agreement.

Prior to November, Lunge served as the Director of Health Care Reform for not quite 6 years (January 2011- November 2016), coordinating health reform efforts across state government and working on Governor Shumlin's health policy priorities. This role is defined in 3 VSA 2222a.

Beginning in 2003, for eight legislative sessions, Lunge worked as a nonpartisan staff attorney at Vermont Legislative Council, providing drafting and staff support in health and human services issues to members of the Vermont Legislature. She worked primarily with the House Committees on Health Care, on Human Services, on Appropriations (Medicaid budget) and the Senate Committees on Health and Welfare, on Finance, and on Appropriations (Medicaid budget).

During a leave of absence from the legislature, Lunge worked at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in Washington D.C. as a senior policy analyst on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program issues from May 2007 to January 2008. After returning to Vermont from DC, she worked as the policy director for two nonpartisan, nonprofit organizations – the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Pricing and the Forum on Democracy and Trade until she returned to the Legislative Council for the 2009 session.

Prior to working at the Legislative Council, she spent 6 years practicing law and just over 2 years as a trial court law clerk, including about seven months as the Interim Chief Trial Court Law Clerk.

In addition, she has:

- taught several undergraduate courses as an adjunct at Woodbury College and Franklin Pierce University,
- testified to the Vermont, Maryland, New Hampshire and New York state legislatures, and
- presented as a policy expert at many national health policy conferences, including National Conference of State Legislatures, the Commonwealth Fund, the American Public Health Association, the American Association of Public Welfare Attorneys, Millbank Memorial Fund Reforming State's Group, National Governor's Association, State Health Reform Network, Dartmouth Symposium on Health Care Delivery Science, the Beazley Symposium at Loyola University Chicago School of Law, and the National Association of State Health Policy (NASHP).

Lunge graduated with a:

- B.A. in Sociology from the University of California Santa Cruz: Porter College (1991) and received Academic Honors in Sociology and from Porter College as well as a Porter College Community Service Award.
- J.D. Cum Laude from Cornell Law School (1995) and received a Cornell Legal Aid Clinic Service Award as well as the Stanley E. Gould Prize for Public Interest Law.
- Masters of Health Care Delivery Science from Dartmouth College (2013).

Lunge also received the Alumni Exemplary Public Service Award from Cornell Law School in 2012.

Lunge grew up in the Brattleboro area and graduated from Brattleboro Union High School in 1987.