

**Sunset Advisory Commission**  
**Board and Commission Review of Executive Committee to Advise the Director of the VT**  
**Blueprint for Health and the Expansion Design and Evaluation Committee<sup>1</sup>**

The Commission reviews every State board and commission and takes testimony regarding whether each board or commission should continue to operate or be eliminated and whether the powers and duties of any board or commission should be revised. Each board and commission has the burden of justifying its continued operation. The Commission also reviews whether members of a board or commission should be entitled to a per diem and, if so, the amount of that per diem.

In testifying before the Commission, you should be able to provide the following information:

- 1. In general, how often does the board and commission meet? Provide specific information on how often the board or commission has met in the past two fiscal years. Provide information on where agendas and minutes of meetings can be found.**

The Executive Committee to Advise the Director of the Blueprint for Health and the Expansion Design and Evaluation Committee have merged. The combined committee generally meets on the third Wednesday of every other month (6 times per year), skipping the month in which the Blueprint Annual Conference occurs. Over the last two fiscal years, the committee has met 11 times. Many Committee members participate via conference call/Skype, although approximately 15 members attend in person. Agendas and minutes are posted on the Blueprint’s website under the [section Executive Committee](#).

- 2. Provide the names of members of the board or commission, their term length and expiration, their appointing authority, and the amount of any per diem they receive.**

Members of the Executive Committee to Advise the Director of the Blueprint for Health and the Expansion Design and Evaluation Committee are appointed by the Blueprint Executive Director, per 18 V.S.A. § 702. There is no per diem and the terms are indefinite based on roles within the member organizations.

Executive Committee to Advise the Director of the Blueprint	Expansion Design and Evaluation Committee
Andrew Garland	All members of the Executive Committee, plus:
Bob Bick	Bard Hill
Catherine Fulton	Candace Collins

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<sup>1</sup> Prior to 2014, the Blueprint Executive Committee and the Blueprint Expansion Design and Evaluation Committee were combined to reflect the overlap in membership and the common areas of focus. While the Blueprint maintains separate lists should any need arise for identifying voting membership, the groups have met as one body for several years.

Executive Committee to Advise the Director of the Blueprint	Expansion Design and Evaluation Committee
Charles MacLean	Christine Anderson
Cory Gustafson	Christopher Towne
Esther Emard	Craig Jasenski
George Thomson	Elise McKenna
Jeffrey Tieman	Emily Richards
Jessa Barnard	George Karabakakis
Jill Olson	James Mauro
Jim Hester	Jean Andersson-Swayze
John Quinn	Jeanne Kennedy
Josh Plavin	Jeff McKee
Joshua Green	Jill Lord
Judy Peterson	Judith Shaw
Kelly Dougherty	Juli Krulewitz
Kevin Ciechon	Julie Riffon
Kim Fitzgerald	Karen Hein
Martha Whitfield	Katie Bocchino
Mike Smith	Kelly Lange
Monica Hutt	Kerry Sullivan
Paul Reiss	Kim Kilby
Robin Lunge	Kristi Cross
Sara Barry	Laural Ruggles
Scott Strenio	Lorrie Dupuis
Stephanie Winters	Mark Young
	Mike Gravett
	Pamela Biron
	Pat Jones
	Patrick Clark
	Rebecca Burns
	Richard Terricciano
	Scot McCray
	Scott Frey
	Susan Gretkowski
	Sylvie Choiniere
	Tom Dougherty

**3. Provide an overview of the board or commission’s purpose.**

The Vermont Legislature established the Blueprint Executive Committee to provide high-level multi-stakeholder guidance on complex issues. The Blueprint Executive Committee

advises the Blueprint Director on strategic planning and implementation of a statewide system of well-coordinated health services with an emphasis on prevention. The Blueprint Executive Committee Members represent a broad range of stakeholders including professionals who provide health services, insurers, professional organizations, community and nonprofit groups, consumers, businesses, and state and local government.

The Vermont Legislature established the Blueprint Expansion Design and Evaluation Committee to advise the Blueprint Director in more detailed planning related to program design, including modifications over time, for statewide implementation of the Blueprint model, and to recommend appropriate methods to evaluate the Blueprint.

**4. Is that purpose still needed? What would happen if the board or commission no longer fulfilled that purpose?**

The purpose is still relevant as the Blueprint for Health continues to evolve and support statewide health reform efforts. Specifically, the Blueprint for Health relies upon the input of the combined committee for approval of payment changes and programmatic updates and that input will be necessary for upcoming strategic planning as well. Over the course of the next year, the combined committee will need to advise the Executive Director on the strategic direction of the Blueprint as the All-Payer Model comes to scale and on issues related to operational alignment and potential integration with the Accountable Care Organization Model.

**5. How well is the board or commission performing in executing that purpose? What evidence can you provide to substantiate that performance?**

The combined committee, the Executive Committee to Advise the Director of the Blueprint for Health and the Expansion Design and Evaluation Committee, meets 6 times per year and provides robust feedback on the implementation and evaluation of the Blueprint program. Approximately 15 to 20 members participate in person, while another 25 to 30 participate via Skype.

**6. If the purpose is still needed, can State government be more effective and efficient if the purpose was executed in a different manner?**

No, regular meetings are the best way to make sure that the Blueprint is staying engaged with key stakeholders, especially during this period of significant health care reform.

**7. If the purpose is still needed, do any of your board or commission's functions overlap or duplicate those of another State board or commission or federal or State agency? If so, is your board or commission still the best entity to fulfill the purpose?**

Since the Executive Committee to Advise the Director of the Blueprint for Health and the Expansion Design and Evaluation Committee have been combined, there is no overlap with other committees or boards at this time. Depending on the strategic direction that emerges

as the All-Payer Model comes to scale and how the Blueprint operationally aligns and/or integrates with the Accountable Care Organization (ACO), further consideration should be given to the role of the combined committee.

**8. Does the board or commission's enabling law continue to correctly reflect the purpose and activities of the board or commission?**

Yes.

**9. Provide a list of the board and commission's last fiscal year expenditures including staffing costs. How are these funded?**

There is no additional funding related to the combined Executive Committee to Advise the Director of the Blueprint for Health and the Expansion Design and Evaluation Committee, and staffing costs are minimal.

**10. Is the board or commission required by law to prepare any reports or studies for the Legislature, the Governor, or any State agency or officer? If so, have those reports or studies been produced? Does the board or commission have ongoing reporting obligations?**

No reports or studies are required of the Executive Committee to Advise the Director of the Blueprint for Health and the Expansion Design and Evaluation Committee.

**11. How would you measure the performance of the board or commission?**

The performance of the combined Executive Committee to Advise the Director of the Blueprint for Health and the Expansion Design and Evaluation Committee is evidenced by the strong and useful dialogue during the meetings, and by the continued engagement of the members.