

February 29, 2024

**Date:** February 27, 2024  
**To:** Group Insurance Commission  
**From:** Matthew Veno, Executive Director  
**Subject:** Executive Director's Report

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**Purpose:** The purpose of this memo is to provide Commissioners with the monthly Executive Director's report in writing. Questions and comments from Commissioners on the content of this memo are welcome during this portion of the agenda.

### **HUMAN RESOURCES:**

#### **Staffing Updates**

**Mike Berry**, the GIC's Director of Legislative Affairs, has left the GIC for a position in municipal government with the City of Watertown. In addition to his work with the Legislature, Mike worked closely with municipalities in his role at the GIC and decided that he wanted to move to a position within a municipal government. We thank Mike for his many contributions at the GIC and wish him the best in his new role.

**Hannah Jackson** joined the GIC on February 12 and is working in the Operations Department Audit unit reporting to Ari Gil. Hannah brings a strong background in customer service roles including significant telephone-based support. Please join me in welcoming Hannah to the GIC.

### **LEGISLATIVE**

#### **Legislation Updates**

Executive Director Matthew Veno and Mike Berry had a productive meeting with Rep. John Lawn, the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing, and his staff regarding prescription drug and pharmacy benefits. We anticipate the House releasing their own version of pharmacy legislation in the coming months that will likely end up in a House-Senate Conference Committee. We will continue to closely track legislation on this topic.

#### **Municipal Updates**

Before his departure from the GIC, Mike Berry recently engaged with officials from the Acton-Boxborough Regional School District and the Plymouth Area Collaborative to educate and inform them about the GIC and processes for enrollment.