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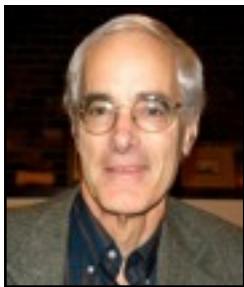
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Maine AllCare Welcomes Two New Board Members

Geoffrey Gratwick, MD of Bangor and Bruce Vermeulen, resident of Blue Hill, were elected to the Board of Directors of Maine AllCare at the annual meeting held in Richmond on December 18, 2012. Maine AllCare Board President Dr. Julie Pease made the announcement after a unanimous vote and welcomed both members, calling them “exceptional” for their contributions to their respective communities.



Geoffrey Gratwick, M.D.

Geoffrey Gratwick, MD has spent his professional life in the health care field – served as a physician in the Bangor area for over 20 years – and knows all too well the complexities and costs of the current system. Accessible, affordable and high quality health care is essential for us all and saves money. In November 2012 Geoff Gratwick was elected to to the Maine State Senate representing District 32 which includes Bangor and Hermon. In Augusta, Geoff will work for health care reform that will benefit both the people and the state of Maine, using his medical knowledge and common-sense approach to make a better system.

Some of his core beliefs are:

- The burden of taxes must be fairly shared.
- Education is the key to the future – for our children and our nation.
- We absolutely need health care coverage for all.



Bruce Vermeulen

Bruce Vermeulen is President of Workforce & Economic Development Strategies, LLC, a consultancy formed in 2009 to provide strategic planning and project development support to communities and service organizations intent on increasing economic opportunity and living standards for low-income individuals and families.

From 1989 to 2009, Bruce served as Vice President for Development at Training & Development Corporation (TDC), a not-for-profit think tank, design shop and management company based in Maine that promotes the economic well-being of individuals, families and communities.

Working primarily in Maine and Virginia, he developed projects in local job creation and economy-building to support sustainable employability.

Earlier, Bruce spent twelve years on the Economics faculties of Harvard University and Colby College, where his teaching and research focused on labor market policy, poverty and income distribution, workforce and economic development in the United States and in less developed economies, including projects in Egypt, El Salvador, India, Jamaica, and Thailand. His Economics degrees were earned at Harvard University and the University of California at Berkeley.

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