

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 12, 2016
2:00 pm

Attendance

Al Gobeille, Chair
Cornelius Hogan
Jessica Holmes, PhD
Betty Rambur, PhD, RN
Allan Ramsay, MD
Susan Barrett, J.D. Executive Director
Judith Henkin, Esq. General Counsel

Chair's Report

Al Gobeille, Chair, called the GMCB Board Meeting order at approximately 2:00 pm.

Executive Director's Report

Susan Barrett announced yesterday, Wednesday, May 11, 2016, the two insurers offering qualified health plans on Vermont Health Connect (VHC), the state's health insurance marketplace, have filed proposed rates for insurance coverage beginning January 1, 2017. Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Vermont (BCBSVT) is requesting an 8.2% average annual rate increase for 2017; MVP is requesting an 8.8% average annual rate increase. The Board has begun its 90-day review process and will hold hearings on July 20 (BCBSVT) and 21 (MVP) here in the GMCB Boardroom beginning at 9 am each day. The public is invited to attend, and time will be set aside at the end of each day's hearing to take public comment. The Board is also accepting public comment through July 26th and will issue decisions approving, modifying, or disapproving the rate requests on August 9th. For more information on these filings, please visit the GMCB rate review website [here](#).

Susan also announced on May 9, 2016, the Board issued a decision and order to modify and then approve MVPHIC's 3Q16 and 4Q16 Grandfathered Small Group EPO/PPO Rate Filing (Docket # GMCB-002-16rr). The proposed 9.3% average annual rate increase will be reduced to approximately 8.3% for members renewing in 3Q16, and from 7.9% to approximately 6.9% for those renewing in 4Q16.

Minutes

The Board voted to approve the minutes from Thursday May 5, 2016.

Presentation

Mike Davis, Director of Health System Finances, GMCB, gave a presentation on Vermont Hospital Enforcement Scenarios. The Board Members held a conversation about the rule and guidance of hospital budget enforcement.

Public Comment

Deb Richter
Art Mathisen
Todd Keating
Mark Staniasias
Rassoul Rangaviz
Dale Hackett
Walter Carpenter
Mike Deltreco

New Business

The Board voted (5-0) to ask Southwestern Vermont Medical Center to address the issue of surplus revenue from FY15 budget at the upcoming FY17 Hospital Budget Hearings.

Name	Motion	Second	Vote
Al Gobeille			Yes
Allan Ramsay	X		Yes
Cornelius Hogan			Yes
Betty Rambur			Yes
Jessica Holmes		X	Yes

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:40 pm.