

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 2, 2016
10:00 am

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
Noel Hudson, Esq. Hearing Officer

Chair's Report

Al Gobeille, Chair, called the Meeting to order at approximately 10:00 am and noted the Board Room's Air Conditioning system was down and apologized for the inconvenience. Gobeille also noted the parking lot outside the Board Room was undergoing construction and if it became problematic for the meeting to continue, action would be taken.

Executive Director's Report

Susan Barrett announced on May 27, 2016, the Board issued a Decision and Order to modify and approve MVP Health Plan 3Q 2016 and 4Q 2016 Large Group HMO Rate Filling (Docket #: GMCB-006-16rr) by reducing the proposed rates by approximately 0.1%, resulting in an average annual rate change of -4.5% for 3Q and -5.8% for 4Q. There are no covered lives or policies currently in force in Vermont in that product.

Barrett also followed up on the discussion that occurred at Thursday, May 19, 2016, Board Meeting, regarding the new legislative duties that the GMCB is tasked with. Barrett has reached out to the attorney general's office and DVHA to set up a meeting to discuss S.216, an act relating to prescription drugs.

Minutes

The Board voted to approve the minutes from Thursday May 19, 2016.

Discussion

Ena Backus, Deputy Executive Director, GMCB, presented a section by section summary of H. 812 (Act 113) An act relating to implementing an all-payer model and oversight of accountable care organizations, as passed by House and Senate. Backus also presented on and discussed the current ACO Pilot Standards. The discussion among the Board Members and Backus explored the comparison of Act 113 of 2016 with the current Vermont Commercial ACO Pilot Standards, approved by the GMCB on November 17, 2015.

Public Comment

None

Backus and the Board Members continued the discussion of the comparing the current ACO Standards and Act 113 requirements. As the conversation came to a closer, Backus noted that at the next Board Meeting, Thursday, June 9, the Board would take a deeper look at the current ACO Standards and discuss how these standards should evolve to reflect the requirements of 113.

New Business

Allan Ramsay, Board Member, GMCB, publically acknowledged and thanked Representative Robert Bancroft, of Westford, Chittenden County, for attending the GMCB Board Meeting.

Recess 11:40 am – 1:00 pm

Certificate of Need Hearing

Noel Hudson, Esq, Hearing Officer, GMCB Health Policy Director, called the Genesis Healthcare, Inc. Certificate of Need hearing to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Donna Jerry, Senior Health Policy Analyst, GMCB, gave a brief presentation on the background of the proposed purchase of five (5) Vermont Nursing Homes located in Bennington Berlin, Burlington, Springfield and St. Johnsbury (Docket No. GMCB-014-15con). The Genesis Healthcare Inc. team followed with a PowerPoint presentation on their proposed purchase of five VT nursing homes. For a copy of this PowerPoint and/or a complete transcript of the hearing, please contact Jaime Fisher, Executive Assistant to the Chair, GMCB, 802-828-2130.

Public Comment

Ken Libertoff
Walter Carpenter

Adjourn

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:00 pm.