

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 21, 2016  
1:00 – 2:10 pm

Attendance

Al Gobeille, Chair  
Cornelius Hogan  
Jessica Holmes, PhD  
Betty Rambur, PhD, RN  
Allan Ramsay, MD  
Susan Barrett, JD. Executive Director (Present from 1:00 -1:20 pm)  
Judith Henkin, Esq. General Counsel (Present from 1:50 – 2:20 pm)

New Business

The Board voted to approve a change in the agenda by adding a 15-minute presentation after the Executive Director's report.

Executive Director's Report

Susan Barrett announced the Board Meeting on Thursday, April 28, has been canceled. Susan also introduced Noel Hudson, the new Director of Health Policy at the GMCB, and Kelly Theroux, the new Financial Administrator I at the GMCB.

Minutes

The Board voted to approve the minutes from Thursday April, 7, 2016 and Thursday, April 14, 2016.

Presentation

Zachary Sullivan, Health Policy Analyst, GMCB, presented an analysis on Orthopedic Surgery Pricing.

Public Comment

Lila Richardson  
Walter Carpenter

New Business

Allan Ramsay announced the Prior Authorization pilot study, to reduce the burden of prior authorization in primary care, will close on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2016. A presentation reporting the results of this study will be presented to the Board sometime in early summer.

Cornelius Hogan brought up two points he found interesting from [Becker's Hospital Review](#): Since 2010, 71 hospitals have gone out of business. Also, if you average the state per capita cost for non-profit hospitals in 2014, there are 30 states whose costs are higher than Vermont's.

Executive Session

The board voted to move into executive session at approximately 1:45 pm to discuss contractual matters and came back into public session around 2:00 pm.

New Business

Kate Jones, Financial Director, GMCB, presented the seven proposed amendments to existing Certificate of Need (CON) contracts.

The Board voted (5-0) to execute a contract amendment with Array Architects, Feeley & Driscoll, Baker Newman Noyes, LLC, Initiate Government Solutions, LLC, ECRI Institute, KJWW Engineering Consultants, P.C., New England Medical Design, Inc, for continuing work on the CON projects, and that each contract amendment not exceed \$60,000.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Motion</b>	<b>Second</b>	<b>Vote</b>
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 2:10 pm.