

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 3, 2017
1:00 pm

Attendance

Kevin J. Mullin, Chair
Susan Barrett, J.D., Executive Director
Judy Henkin, General Counsel
Jessica Holmes, PhD
Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS
Maureen K. Usifer (by phone for executive session)
Cornelius Hogan

Executive Director's Report

Kevin J. Mullin, Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett, Executive Director, GMCB, updated the Board with a high-level overview of the ACO All-Payer Model. GMCB has received submissions from the ACO's budgets – they are currently under review. GMCB is currently reviewing the fourteen hospital budgets and are looking at the APM and the ACO targets and goals in that process. The GMCB has developed an administrative rule, in which Michael Barber, Esq., will be presenting the proposed rule to the Board on August 24, 2017, which will then be sent on to LCAR. The GMCB has also set the total cost of care and quality specifications for 2018 over to CMMI and they are currently under review. GMCB is currently working with CMMI to establish targets for two quality measures and specifications for one measure on the APM quality framework. GMCB is currently undertaking a RFP process for an analytics contractor for the APM work. GMCB is also currently planning with stakeholders the 2018 Medicare initiative, focusing on quality measures and benefit enhancements.

The GMCB has several workgroups this summer:

1) Certificate of Need (CON) workgroup – in this workgroup, GMCB has reached out to several stakeholders to receive feedback on the current CON statute and are asking stakeholders to help GMCB to streamline the process. GMCB would like to move forward with updates to the current CON statute in the upcoming 2018 legislative session.

2) Health Allocation Resource Plan (HRAP) workgroup – this workgroup has met a couple of times with stakeholders and has begun the process to update the HRAP. Currently, this workgroup is drafting a concept model and looking at guiding principles and an outline to update the HRAP. The HRAP has not been updated since 2009.

3) GMCB will be scheduling a billback workgroup. In this workgroup, GMCB will be looking at the billback statute and will be asking stakeholders to provide feedback on updating the allocations that the billback currently has. The billback statute has not been updated in about fifteen years.

4) Pay Parity workgroup – the Board has put a significant amount of time and resources into a legislative mandate which we received through the budget last year. The Board has been asked to report back to the Legislature by October 1, 2017, describing what substantial changes have been made to achieve site neutral fair reimbursements for medical services envisioned in several previous acts around pay parity. GMCB will be reporting back to the Legislature - the Health Resource Oversight Committee - on October 1st. The staff has looked at national trends, looked at data using VCHURES to see what is happening within the State of Vermont and how that relates to the national trends around vertical consolidation in the health care landscape and how that is effecting independent physicians. This workgroup has so far met twice – a meeting is planned at the Board at the end of August to discuss the research the GMCB staff has done and to discuss the next steps of how the Board will address this legislative mandate.

Susan reminded the Board and the public about the hospital budget schedules. Hospital Budget Schedules can be found by clicking [here](#). The Board is also looking at future dates for traveling Board meetings. In October, the Board will be holding an Advisory Committee meeting, here in Montpelier.

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from Thursday, July 27, 2017.

Zero to Three: Healthy Steps – An Overview for the State of Vermont Green Mountain Care Board

Matthew Melmed, Executive Director of Zero to Three

Matthew Melmed provided the Board with a presentation and discussion on the Science of Early Childhood Development. For more information, please click [here](#).

Public Comment

Dr. Deborah A. Richter, MD
Beth Tanzman, Executive Director, Blueprint for Health
Chuck Myers, Ph.D., Executive Director, NFI Vermont
Steve Ames, Building Bright Futures
Reeva Murphy, Deputy Commissioner, DCF
Laura Capps, Strategy and Planning Manager, Efficiency Vermont
Dr. Alan Guttmacher, Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children
Tom Rees, NFI Vermont
Alyson Richards, CEO, The Permanent Fund for Vermont's Children

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

Roll call vote to go into Executive Decision at approximately 3:10pm.

Adjourn

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:50 pm.