

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

PCAG Member Attendees	Fay Homan, Allan Ramsay, <i>Katie Marvin, Leigh LoPresti, Norm Ward</i> , Tim Tanner, <i>Valerie Rooney, Dana Kraus</i>
GMCB Attendees	Susan Barrett, Christina McLaughlin
Other Attendees	Stephanie Winters, Helen Labun, Jennifer Kaulius, Rep. Chip Conquest
<i>Italics denote phone participation</i>	

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Quick roundtable of folks in the room.

2. Share out of meeting with UVMHC and Dartmouth-Hitchcock reps
 - a. Fay Homan, Norm Ward, and Katie Marvin attended the meeting with the representatives. The meeting focused on the barriers and problems of the primary care workforce in Vermont and less so on possible solutions. Stephanie Winters suggested the meetings continue with a focus on workforce solutions moving forward.

3. Discussion of Primary Care Workforce
 - a. The House Health Care Committee sent a memo to the House Appropriations Committee with recommendations to the Governor's FY21 budget proposals, which included scholarships for medical students pursuing primary care. Click [here](#) to view the memo. The committee plans to include other primary care workforce-related language into the House Health Care Committee bill and is currently weighing whether consider the Gold Card Program for insurers recommended by VMS. Christina and Susan shared with the group that the congressional delegation will take recommendations for potential changes at the federal level to help primary care providers. The group mentioned the Teaching Health Center and Graduate Medical Education program, HRSA grants, and FQHC billing issues as some items that could be improved upon at the federal level.
 - b. **Action Items:** Group members are asked to send any recommendations to share with the congressional delegation as soon as possible.