

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 8, 2020  
1:00 pm

**Attendance**

Kevin J. Mullin, Chair (*via phone*)  
Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director (*via phone*)  
Michael Barber, General Counsel (*via phone*)  
Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS (*via phone*)  
Maureen Usifer (*via phone*)  
Jessica Holmes, PhD (*via phone*)  
Tom Pelham (*via phone*)

**Executive Director's Report**

Chair Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced the April Board Meeting schedule is being updated weekly. The April schedule, agendas, materials, and meeting information can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

**Minutes**

The Board voted (5-0) by roll call to approve the minutes from April 1, 2020.

**Letter from State of Vermont to CMMI – Potential Vote**

Alena Berube, Director of Value Based Programs & ACO Regulation, GMCB

Alena Berube explained the three signatories of the All-Payer Model [the GMCB, the Agency of Human Services (AHS), and the Administration] are planning to send a letter to their Federal Partners (CMMI/CMS) requesting support in two key areas. The two key areas are distribution of resources to support hospital solvency during the COVID-19 pandemic and evaluation of the Vermont All-Payer Accountable Care Organization Model. Alena Berube explained the requests in detail and the rationale. The presentation can be seen [here](#) and the draft letter can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. The Board Members thanked the signatories for their work.

Board Member Robin Lunge moved to designate GMCB staff to collaborate with AHS and the Administration to finalize the letter and to delegate responsibility to Chair Kevin Mullin for signing and submitting the letter along with GMCB staff. Board Member Maureen Usifer seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) by roll call to approve the motion.

**Public Comment**

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, VAHHS  
Sara Barry, MPH, Chief Operating Officer, OneCare Vermont

## **2018 Statewide Health Outcomes and Quality of Care Results**

Michele Degree, Health Policy Advisor, GMCB

Michele Degree explained the 2018 Statewide results were produced based on the mutual understanding of the technical changes presented to the Board on February 26, 2020, and given shifting priorities due to COVID-19, the technical amendment to the agreement is currently paused. Michele Degree presented the population-level health outcomes targets, the health care delivery system quality targets, and the process milestones. The presentation can be seen [here](#) and the Vermont All-Payer ACO Model Annual Health Outcomes and Quality of Care Report Performance Year 1 (2018) can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

### **Public Comment**

Kathy Mahoney, MD, MBA, GMCB General Advisory Committee Member  
Cathy Fulton, Executive Director, VPQHC

## **Waiver of CON Review for Certain COVID-19 Related Projects – Potential Vote**

Michael Barber, General Counsel, GMCB

Michael Barber reviewed the [draft Certificate of Need Bulletin 003: Temporary Waiver of the Requirement for a Certificate of Need for Certain COVID-19 Pandemic-Related Projects](#). The Board discussed the process for continuing projects after the pandemic. Board Member Robin Lunge moved to approve CON Bulletin 003 with a modification to require notice of continuation of projects as soon as practical and that Michael Barber can format the wording for the modification in the bulletin. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) by roll call to approve the motion.

### **Public Comment**

Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, VAHHS

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Michael Barber explained that OneCare Vermont had reached out to him asking for guidance on how to interpret government related requirement in the oversight rule and asked the Board for input. Board Member Robin Lunge moved to delegate the interpretation of the governance related part of the Accountable Care Organization rule to the GMCB legal team. Board Member Tom Pelham seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) by roll call to approve the motion.

**Public Comment**

Julia Shaw, Health Policy Analyst, Vermont Legal Aid - HCA

**Adjourn**

The Board voted (5-0) by roll call to adjourn at approximately 2:15 pm.