

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 21, 2018  
1:00 pm

**Attendance**

Kevin J. Mullin, Chair  
Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director  
Judy Henkin, General Counsel  
Jessica A. Holmes, PhD  
Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS  
Maureen Usifer  
Tom Pelham

**Executive Director's Report**

Kevin Mullin, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett, Executive Director, announced the appointment of Pat Jones to the position of Interim Director of Health Systems Finance.

**Minutes**

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from March 12, 2018.

**Hospital Budget Discussion**

Andy Pallito, Director of Health System Finances, GMCB

Andy presented the FY19 Hospital Budget Guidance and discussed the FY17 Hospital Budget Actuals. He then went on to discuss the next steps of the FY19 Hospital Budget Guidance process. There were 7 motions made during the discussion and they are listed below

1. Include the salary chart in the FY19 guidance without a breakout of staff but with all FTEs to tie it back to the budget submission. (Robin made the motion, Tom seconded)
  - a. Vote: Maureen, Tom, Kevin, Robin – Yes. Jessica – No
2. Any rate cut decision made by the Board would be effective October 1, 2018. (Jessica made the motion, Maureen seconded)
  - a. Vote: Maureen, Tom, Jessica, Robin – Yes. Kevin – No
3. To not allow UVMHC to hold their excess revenue in reserves with caveat that GMCB would have a requirement that the insurers and hospitals would show impact of a rate cut. (Maureen made the motion, Jessica seconded). The Board unanimously approved the motion.

4. Not reducing Porter Hospitals rate (Robin made the motion, Jess seconded). The Board unanimously approved the motion.
5. 3% rate cut for UVMMC effective October 1, 2018. (Maureen) (withdrawn)
6. Up to 3% rate cut for UVMMC with potential investments to ACO (Robin)
7. 1% rate cut to UVMMC with investments of 7-10-million-dollar investment in increased mental health bed capacity. (Jessica made the motion). (Withdrawn).
8. Up to 3% rate cut for UVMMC with possible investments in the ACO, mental health, and/or substance abuse treatment pending further discussion with the hospitals. (Robin made the motion, Jessica seconded). (Withdrawn)
9. Direct GMCB staff to discuss with UVMMC about a potential rate cut up to 3% with investment alternatives and a smaller rate cut for the FY17 and FY18 budget overages. (Robin made the motion, Jess seconded).
10. 1% rate cut for CVMMC pending a written notice be sent to CVMMC with an opportunity for CVMMC to respond within 30 days. (Jessica made the motion, Robin seconded). The Board unanimously approved the motion.
11. Conditional setting of fee-for-service NPR of 2.5% and .4% in health reform investments for FY19 (Maureen made the motion, Jessica seconded). (Withdrawn).

### **Data Governance Council Discussion**

Dian Kahn, Director of Data & Analytics, GMCB  
Sebastian Arduengo, Staff Attorney, GMCB  
Sarah Lindberg, Health Services Researcher, GMCB

The Board and GMCB staff discussed two proposed Data Governance Council Charter proposals. One proposal made it mandatory to have a Board member on the Council while the other proposal made the Board membership optional.

1. Adopt the “may” (permissive) language for the Council membership (Jessica made the motion, Robin seconded). The Board unanimously approved the motion.
2. Include language in the charter to requiring at least 1 external member (with voting rights) to the Council to promote a diversity of viewpoints. (Robin made the motion, Jessica seconded). The Board unanimously approved the motion.
3. Requiring the council to approve the addition of additional voting members after the initial members are seated. (Robin made the motion, Jessica seconded). The Board unanimously approved the motion.
4. Approve all changes to the charter subject to the revisions that had been made by the Board that day (3/14). (Robin made the motion, Jessica seconded). The Board unanimously approved the motion.

### **ACO Certification Discussion**

Ena Backus, GMCB  
Michael Barber, GMCB  
Melissa Miles, GMCB  
Marisa Melamed, GMCB

The GMCB staff discussed the information they had received from OneCare to meet the criteria and the information OneCare Vermont still needed to submit. They reported that they believe they should have all the information by March 28.

**Public Comment**

Marc Stanislas, University of Vermont Health Network  
Michael Del Trecco, Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems  
Eric Schultheis, Office of the Health Care Advocate  
Hamilton Davis  
Susan Aranoff, VDDC  
Ken Liberto  
Christopher Hickey, Northwestern Medical Center

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Adjourn**

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 2:45 pm.