

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 3, 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 that there was a public hearing that night on the hospital budget guidance process at 4:00 pm. Judy Henkin, General Counsel, announced the GMCB issued a decision on MVP Large Group on December 28th, which was approved without modification.

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from December 21, 2017.

Individual Mandate Presentation

Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, GMCB
David Martini, Assistant General Counsel, DFR

Agatha and David reviewed for the Board what the Affordable Care Act Individual Mandate is, including background and other information. The Board asked questions and provided comments. For more information, please click [here](#).

Individual Mandate Discussion

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public, and Medical Relations, BCBS Vermont
Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Health Care
Georgia Maheras, Director, Vermont Public Policy, Bi-State Primary Care
Mike Del Trecco, Senior VP of Finance & Operations, VAHHS
Jessa Barnard, Executive Vice President, Vermont Medical Society
Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, VT Legal Aid

Each person provided comment to the Board regarding the potential impacts of a state-level individual mandate in Vermont. The Board asked questions and provided comments. For more information on the comments Sara Teachout provided, please click [here](#).

CSR Working Group

Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public, and Medical Relations, BCBS Vermont
Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Health Care
Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, VT Legal Aid

Robin Lunge initiated the conversation on the CSR Working Group. The Board and Department of Financial Regulation created a group to discuss federal issues, including Cost Sharing Reductions (CSRs). Sara, Susan, and Michael presented to the Board an update on the CSR Working Group. Sara started the presentation by providing background information to the Board. For more information, please click [here](#). She then presented the Blue Cross Blue Shield proposal to address 2019 CSR defunding. She reviewed the considerations, the Qualified Health Plan (QHP) enrollment information and premium cost impacts. For more information, please click [here](#). Susan Gretkowski presented MVP Health Care CSR data. For more information, please click [here](#). Michael provided comments to the Board regarding the Health Care Advocate's concerns.

Public Comment

Walter Carpenter

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 2:30 pm.