

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, April 19, 2019
9:00 am

Attendance

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

Executive Director's Report

Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 am. Susan Barrett announced on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 the Board meeting will include an Amended Budget Request and Budget Enforcement Hearing with Springfield Hospital (potential votes). There was a special public comment period regarding Springfield Hospital's Budget Amendment request from April 5, 2019 through EOB April 16, 2019. The GMCB always accepts public comment, and you can do so [here](#) on the GMCB website. There will be a Traveling Board Meeting held at Gifford Medical Center on Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from April 17, 2019.

FY 2018 Hospital Enforcement Deliberation – Potential vote(s)

Lori Perry, Senior Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB
Kelly Theroux, Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB
Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, GMCB

Lori Perry presented an overview of the Enforcement Mechanism that was in the Budget Guidance for FY 2018. She read the language in the FY 2020 Budget Guidance. The GMCB staff recommends no rebases and suggests the Board should consider three factors: FY 2020 Budget Guidance will take into consideration FY 2019 Projections, the hospital's historical Operating Margin, and specific causes of variance that are considered to be short-term. The staff also recommends continuing monthly monitoring of hospitals through reporting and some hospitals should be required to provide in-person updates to GMCB staff. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Lori Perry reviewed Copley Hospital's operating performance. The staff recommended no enforcement and no rebase, and that there is an expectation that Copley Hospital will comply with FY 2020 Budget Guidance. Board Member Maureen Usifer made a motion to have no

enforcement actions or rebase for Copley Hospital, and to continue having monthly updates in person, via phone, or via email with the GMCB. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion (5-0).

Lori Perry reviewed Northwestern Medical Center's operating performance. The staff recommended no enforcement and no rebase, and that there is an expectation that Northwestern Medical Center will comply with FY 2020 Budget Guidance. Board Member Maureen Usifer made a motion to have no enforcement actions or rebase for Northwestern Medical Center, and to receive monthly reports on their implementation plan for cost savings, NPR, and Operating Margin. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion (5-0).

Lori Perry reviewed North Country Hospital's operating performance. The staff recommended no enforcement and no rebase, and that there is an expectation that North Country Hospital will comply with FY 2020 Budget Guidance. Board Member Maureen Usifer made a motion to have no enforcement actions or rebase for North Country Hospital, and to continue having monthly updates in person, via phone, or via email with the GMCB. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion (5-0).

Lori Perry reviewed Gifford Medical Center's operating performance. The staff recommended no enforcement and no rebase, and that there is an expectation that Gifford Medical Center will comply with FY 2020 Budget Guidance. Board Member Maureen Usifer made a motion to have no enforcement actions or rebase for Gifford Medical Center, and to continue having monthly updates in person, via phone, or via email with the GMCB. Board Member Tom Pelham seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion (5-0).

Lori Perry reviewed Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center's operating performance. The staff recommended no enforcement based on their past and current operating performance. Board Member Maureen Usifer made a motion to have no enforcement actions for Mount Ascutney Hospital and Health Center. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion (5-0).

Public Comment

Jeff Tieman
Jill Berry Bowen
Dan Bennett

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 9:30 am.