

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 5, 2020  
1:00 pm

**Attendance**

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

**Executive Director's Report**

Chair Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced the GMCB FY 2021 Budget was presented to the House Committee on Health Care and will be presented to the Senate Committee on Appropriations in the coming weeks. The GMCB FY 2021 Budget will be presented at a Board Meeting in March or April 2020. The GMCB did not receive any written public comment for the special comment periods on the adjusted VITL FY 2020 budget, the revised 2019-2020 HIE Plan, or the Non-Standard QHP Design Approval Process & 2021 Evaluation Criteria.

**Minutes**

The Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes from January 29, 2020.

**Act 53 HIE Consent Implementation and VITL FY 2020 Budget Adjustment– Potential Votes**

Sarah Kinsler, Director of Strategy and Operations, GMCB  
Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, GMCB

Sarah Kinsler presented the revised language for the HIE Consent Addendum to the 2019-2020 HIE Strategic Plan and the staff recommendation. Board Member Robin Lunge made a motion to approve the revised 2019-2020 HIE Plan, effective March 1, 2020, with the revised language to Sec. 3.A. of the HIE Plan addendum and to sunset the 2014 HIE Consent Policy on February 29, 2020. Board Member Tom Pelham seconded the motion. The Board voted (4-0) to approve the motion.

Agatha Kessler reviewed VITL's FY 2020 budget adjustment and Sarah Kinsler reviewed the staff recommendation. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. Board Member Robin Lunge made a motion to approve the adjusted VITL FY 2020 budget as presented with one condition (remaining from the original budget approval order) that VITL shall present quarterly to the Board for the duration of FY 2020. VITL's quarterly presentations should

include updated information regarding Governance and Operations; Finances; Technology; and the Collaborative Services Initiative. Board Member Robin Lunge added Consent Implementation to the list of updates. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted (4-0) to approve the motion.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Non-Standard QHP Design Approval Process and 2021 Evaluation Criteria**

Amerin Aborjaily, Associate General Counsel, GMCB  
Dana Houlihan, Plan Management Director, DVHA  
Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, DFR

Amerin Aborjaily reviewed the proposed evaluation criteria after input from the Board and public comment at the Board Meeting on January 29, 2020. The staff recommended approving the Non-Standard QHP Design Approval Process as presented and the Evaluation Criteria, modified to include support of current health reform efforts in the state. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. Board Member Tom Pelham proposed adding new language to the examples for the “Enhances Innovation” evaluation criterion to incorporate references to Vermont’s All-Payer Model and chronic condition targets. Board Member Pelham also addressed the broader context for health plan designs and the EHB benchmark plan, particularly with regard to management of chronic conditions, such as diabetes and pre-diabetes prevention. Board Member Robin Lunge made a motion to approve the Non-Standard QHP Design Approval Process and 2021 Evaluation Criteria with Member Pelham’s proposed language modifying the Enhances Innovation criterion example. Board Member Jessica Holmes suggested an amendment to expand Member Pelham’s proposed language by replacing “All-Payer Model” with “current health reform goals.” Board Member Robin Lunge accepted the friendly amendment. The Board Members voted (4-0) to approve the motion.

### **Public Comment**

Walter Carpenter, Health Care Advocate

### **OneCare Vermont’s Lead Primary Prevention Program: An Overview of RiseVT Expansion and Outcomes Measurement**

Marissa Parisi, Executive Director, RiseVT, OneCare Vermont  
Jennifer Laurent, PhD, APRN, University of Vermont College of Nursing  
Alice Stewart, RiseVT Program Manager, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center  
Billy Lynn Allard, MS, RN, Administrative Director of Population Health and Transitions of Care, Southwestern Vermont Medical Center

Marissa Parisi reviewed RiseVT’s expansion in 2019 to nine hospitals and thirty-six Vermont communities. RiseVT’s evaluation is tied back to multiple evidence-based models, including

EPODE and CDC. Marissa Parisi answered key questions about RiseVT's work. Dr. Jennifer Laurent presented the evaluation measures being used, including population health trends, key informant interviews, direct measuring of height and weight, amplify grant tracking, and behavior change marketing evaluation. RiseVT used the Community Programs and Policies (CPP) Index for dose methodology in its healthy communities study.

Alice Stewart presented the work being done by RiseVT at Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center. This work includes a food shelves program called "Health on the Shelf" and a community walking program called "Windsor Walks." Billie Lynn Allard presented the work being done by RiseVT at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center. This work includes a stakeholder group convened in 2017, a steering committee, \$30,000 in grants, free fitness classes, community show up events, directing wellness policies in school systems, and integration into the community. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. The Board Members asked questions and had a discussion with the presenters about balancing local control and autonomy in communities, RiseVT's assessment process, the CDC calculating chart, allocation of resources, long-term goals, and the healthy communities study.

### **Public Comment**

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council  
Geoffrey Battista, Government Research Analyst, Vermont Auditor of Accounts  
Jonathan Billings, MHP, Vice President of Community Relations & RiseVT, Northwestern Medical Center

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjourn**

The Board voted (4-0) to adjourn at approximately 3:00 pm.