

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 25, 2020  
9:30 am

**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*)

**Certificate of Need Hearing: Silver Pines, LLC, Proposed Development**

William Cats-Baril, PhD, Silver Pines Partners, LLC

Chair Kevin Mullin appointed General Counsel Michael Barber as the Hearing Officer. The Court Reporter swore in William Cats-Baril. William Cats-Baril presented the summary of the Certificate of Need application and the responses to the questions from the GMCB. The presentation included background of the need for specialized Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment, the vision/mission of the facility, an outline of the project, an explanation of the clinical care, a summary of the team/staff, and a timeline. William Cats-Baril then reviewed the questions from the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs (ADAP) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) and his responses. The presentation can be seen [here](#) and the Certificate of Need documentation can be found [here](#) on the GMCB website.

The Board Members asked questions and had a discussion regarding the reimbursement model, individualized treatment, discharge, the effect on the Brattleboro Addiction Center and other facilities in Vermont, achieving revenue projections, the financial statements, the lease requirements, the cost of mental health beds, allocating one percent of profits as grants, the financial and treatment models, and workforce concerns.

**Public Comment**

None

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

## **Adjourn**

The Board voted (5-0) by roll call to adjourn at approximately 12:05 pm.

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1:00 pm

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## **Executive Director's Report**

Chair Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced the FY 2021 Hospital Budget Guidance had been removed from the agenda. Susan Barrett gave an update on H.742 and thanked Jennifer Carbee, Nolan Langwell, the Legislators, and Board Member Robin Lunge for their work. The section-by-section summary of health care and human services provisions as recommended by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare can be seen [here](#) and the overview of health care- and human service-related provisions as recommended by the Senate Committee on Health and Welfare can be seen [here](#) on the Legislature website. Board Member Robin Lunge read section five which pertains to GMCB rules.

## **Minutes**

The Board voted (5-0) by roll call to approve the minutes from March 18, 2020.

## **Draft Emergency Certificate of Need Procedure**

Michael Barber, General Counsel, GMCB

Michael Barber presented the draft [Certificate of Need Bulletin 002: Procedure and Guidance for Emergency Certificate of Need Applications to Respond to the COVID-19 Pandemic](#), and explained that the document builds off of existing emergency review procedures for Certificates of Need. The Board discussed the need for a stop gap measure and the impact of H.742 if it passes. Board Member Robin Lunge moved to approve the Certificate of Need Bulletin 002 which provides a procedure and guidance for emergency Certificate of Need applications. 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

Howard Weiss-Tisman, VPR Southern Vermont Correspondent, Vermont Public Radio

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate

Richard (Mort) Wasserman, MD, MPH, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Adjourn**

The Board voted (5-0) by roll call to adjourn at approximately 1:50 pm.