

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 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
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 there was no public comment received on the proposed technical changes to the All-Payer Model Agreement. There were two public comments received, and one expected, on the hospital sustainability planning. There will be a special comment period on the FY 2021 hospital budget guidance March 11, 2020 through March 23, 2020. Information about submitting public comment can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. The Board will be potentially voting on the FY 2021 Net Patient Revenue (NPR)/Fixed Prospective Payments (FPP) growth limit on March 18, 2020. The March 2020 Board meeting schedule is posted [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from February 26, 2020.

FY 2021 Hospital Budget Guidance

Patrick Rooney, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB
Lori Perry, Health Finance Analytics Director, GMCB
Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, GMCB

Patrick Rooney explained the process and the two-part submission schedule of the FY 2021 hospital budget guidance. Agatha Kessler reviewed the draft non-financial reporting requirements which included access to care/wait times, All-Payer Model quality measures, Community Health Needs Assessment, Accountable Care Organization (ACO) reform payments, salary information, bad debt, compensation policy, and health service area cost and patient origin. The Board Members gave feedback on the non-financial reporting requirements. Agatha Kessler reviewed the draft guidance appendices which included bridges, change in charge, utilization, inflation, ACO participation, and an edited request summary. The Board Members gave feedback on the draft guidance appendices.

Patrick Rooney presented the draft FY 2021 Hospital Budget Guidance and Reporting Requirements, which can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. The discussion points asked to be considered by the Board were the due date of part one submissions, the continuation of the two-year budget growth limit, and the NPR/FPP growth limit target. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. The Board Members discussed a 3.5% NPR/FPP growth limit target, a projection variance limitation (for FY 2020, the guidance for hospitals with a projection variance greater than 2.0% below budget was that the Board would not expect to see an NPR/FPP greater than 5.0%), and the possibility of a two-year growth target.

Public Comment

Brian Nall, CEO, North Country Hospital

Jeff Tieman, President and CEO, VAHHS

Marc Stanislas, Vice President of Finance, University of Vermont Health Network

Geoffrey Battista, Government Research Analyst, Vermont Auditor of Accounts

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

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