

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, January 24, 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 the Green Mountain Care Board (GMCB) will be moving to a new office location, 144 State Street in Montpelier. Starting next week, all GMCB Board meetings will be held at the Pavilion Auditorium on Wednesdays from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. The Pavilion building is located at 109 State Street in Montpelier and more information will be posted to our website.

**Minutes**

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from January 17, 2018.

**Department of Vermont Health Access: Qualified Health Plans**

Dana Houlihan, Plan Management Director, DVHA  
Adaline Strumolo, Health Care Project Director, DVHA  
Julie Peper, Principal Actuary, Wakely Consulting (by phone)  
Brittney Phillips, Actuary, Wakely Consulting (by phone)

Dana started the presentation on slide 52 reviewing the enrollment plan type comparing January 2017 and January 2018. Dana mentioned the information on the slides were provided by Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont and MVP Health Care. The enrollment numbers are based on inflated numbers for 2018. Dana updated on the Board on the changes in enrollment and made them aware of the shifts. Adaline mentioned this is a comprehensive landscape of the Qualified Health Plan market and they are showing the standard and non-standard plans and enrollments. Julie and Brittney provided comment and recommendations, over the phone. For more information, please click [here](#). The Board unanimously agreed to provisionally support the QHPs.

## **Nursing Homes**

Judy Henkin, General Counsel, GMCB Staff

Judy Henkin facilitated the discussion on nursing homes and the Department of Assisted Independent Living (DAIL). Susanne Levitt, RN, State Survey Agency Director and Assistant Director at the Division of Licensing and Protection spoke to the Board about their partnership with DAIL.

## **Public Comment**

Eric Schultheis

## **Old Business**

Robin Lunge, Board Member, brought up the Senate Bill S.19 focusing on page 59. Robin updated the Board on the legislation regarding the reflected Blue Cross Blue Shield silver plans and Cost Sharing Reductions (CSRs); the Bill passed in the Senate and House Health Care (HHC) will continue the discussion. HHC questioned the language regarding whether the criteria in Section 5, questioning if the silver plans were sufficiently specific. Robin also updated the Board on the CSR working group.

## **New Business**

None

## **Adjourn**

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 3:30 pm.