

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, December 17, 2018  
1:00 pm

**Attendance**

Kevin J. Mullin, Chair  
Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director  
Judy Henkin, Esq., 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 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced the December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Board meeting may be canceled. As old business, the Board decided to cancel the meeting on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The Board will not meet until January 2019. To view the 2019 January meeting schedule, please visit our website [here](#).

**Minutes**

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

**ACO Budget Discussion – Potential Vote**

Michael Barber, Chief of Health Policy, GMCB  
Melissa Miles, Health Policy Project Director, GMCB  
Michele Degree, Health Policy Advisor, GMCB  
Kelly Theroux, Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB  
Sarah Lindberg, Health Services Researcher, GMCB  
Jackie Lee, Vice President and Principal, Lewis & Ellis, Inc. (*by phone*)

Sarah Lindberg followed-up from last week's presentation to reiterate the analysis on Medicare growth and showing technical corrections that were made to the slide deck. Specifically, she corrected the equation for the Vermont Medicare total cost of care per beneficiary growth. The staff then reviewed their recommendation for the 2019 Vermont Medicare ACO initiative benchmark for OneCare; which was to approve the benchmark using trend rates of 3.8% for the Aged and Disabled component and 3.1% for the End-Stage Renal Disease component. Full details are outlined on slide 5 of the presentation. Robin made a motion to approve the trend rates as recommended. Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the motion.

Michael Barber provided a summary of the public comments the Board received regarding the FY 2019 ACO budget. The staff then provided their recommendation to approve OneCare Vermont's FY2019 budget on the terms, and subject to the 16 conditions, set forth on slides 8 to 13. Tom Pelham moved to amend Condition 9 relating to OneCare Vermont's administrative expense ratio to read:

- If total revenues are projected to increase, the expense ratio may remain at 1.77% unless otherwise approved by the Board. If total revenues are projected to decrease, the administrative expenses shall not exceed \$16,000,000. If total revenues stay the same, OneCare must promptly inform the Board if total administrative expenses increase by more than 10% or to \$17,600,000.

Maureen Usifer seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion 5-0.

Robin Lunge moved the approval of OneCare Vermont's FY2019 budget on the terms, and subject to the 16 conditions, set forth in the staff recommendations *as amended*, and with the addition of a 17<sup>th</sup> condition to read:

- Over the duration of agreement, OneCare's administrative expenses should be less than the health care savings, including cost avoidance and the value of improved health, projected to be generated through the All-Payer Accountable Care Organization Model.

Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the motion with the proposed amendment 5-0.

Tom Pelham offered a motion, seconded by Kevin Mullin, that the GMCB establish a process to cause salary and benefit information at OneCare to be available to the public. During the discussion of the motion other Board members expressed the opinion that such a process should be considered in the context of the development of the 2020 budget guidance requirements rather than as part of the order establishing the 2019 budget. Given this discussion, Tom Pelham withdrew his motion. In the interim, Kevin Mullin offered to send a letter to OneCare requesting information similar to that required by non-profits pursuant to IRS Form 990. To view the presentation, please visit our website [here](#).

### **Public Comment**

Dale Hackett

### **Old Business**

The Board decided to cancel the December 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. Please see the updated December 2018 schedule [here](#) on our website.

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjourn**

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 2:15 pm.

