

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
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 (*absent*)
Jessica Holmes, PhD (*absent*)
Tom Pelham

Executive Director's Report

Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced there are two new reports on the GMCB website; the first is the FY19 Year-to-Date Actual Results and the other is the report on Financial Health of Vermont's Critical Access Hospitals. Both reports can be found [here](#). Also, the February 13, 2019 Board meeting has been canceled. To view the updated press release, please visit our website [here](#).

Minutes

The Board voted (3-0) to approve the minutes from January 30, 2019.

Pharmacy Pricing and PBM Overview

Brian Murphy, Director, Vendor Management, BCBSVT

Brian Murphy presented on what Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs) are, how prescription drugs are priced, and the specialty and generic drug increases. Brian outlined how brand, generic, and specialty drugs and what the maximum allowable cost (MAC) for pricing is. To view Brian's presentation, please visit our website [here](#).

New Pharmaceutical Purchasing Approaches

David Sanville, CFO, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center
Catalina Gorla, CEO, TruDataRx

David Sanville started the presentation discussing expense drivers and cost containment efforts for Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center. He provided an update on the plan to revise employee benefits and reviewed other take-aways from his last presentation with the GMCB. Catalina Gora then presented on the comparative effectiveness research in prescriptions. Catalina

outlined a model to compare effectiveness of a drug and recommended three ways to improve the care of Vermonters at a lower cost. To view their presentation, please visit our website [here](#).

Vermont Rate Review Program Evaluation Results

Marisa Melamed, Associate Director of Health Care Policy, GMCB
Tom Crompton, Associate Director of Health System Finances, GMCB

Marisa Melamed described the rate review program evaluation. The evaluation was funded through a CMS/CCIO grant and the Board worked with BerryDunn Health Analytics to identify appropriate measures to evaluate rate review, assess the adequacy of the process, and provide feedback to improve the process, including consumer experience. She reviewed the evaluation measures used and she and Tom Crompton presented the results/recommendations of the evaluation. To view the presentation, please visit our website [here](#). To view the evaluation report, please visit our website [here](#).

Public Comment

Dale Hackett
Ken Libertoff
Nancy Hogue
Kathy Fulton
Walter Carpenter

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (3-0) to adjourn at approximately 4:20 pm.