

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, March 30, 2017  
1:00 pm

**Attendance**

Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS (Facilitator)  
Jessica Holmes, PhD  
Cornelius Hogan  
Susan Barrett, J.D. Executive Director  
Judith Henkin, Esq. General Counsel

**Executive Director's Report**

Robin Lunge called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett, Executive Director, GMCB, reported to the Board on the following items:

- **Rate Review:** On March 28, 2017, the Board issued a Decision and Order to modify and approve the Cigna Health and Life Insurance Company Large Group Manual Rate Filing (Docket No. GMCB-001-17rr) by reducing the profit margin from 3.5% to 2.0%. The filing, approved as modified, results in an approximate -5.1% average annual rate decrease.
- **Review of Schedule for Upcoming Board Meetings:**
  - April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 10:00AM – 3:30PM
    - ACO Budget Guidance Presentation
    - Hospitals to discuss variances from the FY2016 Actuals
  - April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017: Cancelled
  - April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 10:00AM – 11:30AM
    - GMCB Board Meeting
  - April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 – 1:00PM – 4:00PM
    - ACTD, LLC – The Green Mountain Surgery Center CON Hearing at the Tax Department Board Room (for more information, click [here](#))
- **Public comments received:** GMCB received two public comments regarding the on 2018 Hospital Guidance Document from [HCA](#) and [VDH](#).

**Minutes**

The Board voted (3-0) to approve the minutes from Thursday, March 23, 2017.

## **VITL FY2018 Budget Review**

John Evans, President / CEO  
Robert Turnau, CFO  
Kristina Choquette, VP Ops

VITL presented to the Board VITL's FY2018 Projections, inclusive of FY18 Scope of Work, FY18 Out of Scope, FY18 Budget Methodology, FY18 Assumptions, and FY18 Budget. For more information, click [here](#).

*Thursday, March 30, 2017 through Tuesday, April 11, 2017, the Board has a special public comment period open on the VITL FY2018 Budget Review. To make a public comment, please click [here](#).*

## **Public Comment**

Dale Hackett  
Katherine Hikel, M.D., Right Care Alliance

## **Hospital Budgets – Updates**

Mike Davis, GMCB Director of Health Systems Finances

Mike Davis presented an update to the Board regarding Vermont Hospital Budgets - FY2016. For more information, click [here](#).

## **Public Comment**

Ham Davis  
Dale Hackett  
Katherine Hikel, M.D., Right Care Alliance

## **FY18 Hospital Budget Guidance – Vote**

Mike Davis, GMCB Director of Health Systems Finances

Mike Davis spoke to the Board about the FY2018 Hospital Budget Guidance. The Board voted and approved (3-0).

## **Public Comment**

HCA

VDH

Katherine Hikel, M.D., Right Care Alliance

Michael Del Trecco, VAHHS, Senior VP, Finance & Operations

Christopher Hickey, NWMC, Sr. VP & CFO

Ham Davis

## **Old Business**

None

## **New Business**

Ken Libertoff requested the Board to take a position regarding S.45; the Board agreed that this is not a bill the Board will take a position on.

Jessica Holmes reported that there is a special comment period from *Thursday, March 30, 2017 through Tuesday, April 11, 2017*. The Board has a special public comment period open on Vermont's Certificates of Need law as administered by the Green Mountain Care Board. For more information, click [here](#).

## **Adjourn**

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:28 pm.