

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, March 13, 2019  
9:00 am

**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**

Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 am. Susan Barrett announced changes to the March Board meeting schedule. To view any updates, please view the press release [here](#). It was also noted that additional items had been added to the agenda for today's meeting; a potential vote on two other hospitals' FY2019 Budget Amendment requests.

**Minutes**

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from February 27, 2019.

**Gifford Hospital Budget Amendment Request – Potential Vote**

Lori Perry, Senior Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB  
Kelly Theroux, Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB  
Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, GMCB

The GMCB Hospital Budget team reviewed Gifford Medical Center's approved budget from September 2019 and modification request received by the Board February 2019. Gifford requested a commercial charge increase of 4.00%; the Green Mountain Care Board staff recommended the increase change in charges of 2.75%, to 4.00% effective no earlier than March 18, 2019. The Board questioned Dan Bennett, President and CEO of Gifford Medical Center. After Board discussion, Board Member Tom Pelham made a motion to approve the Gifford amendment request as recommended by staff. Board Member Maureen Usifer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the staff recommendation. To view all corresponding documents, please visit our website [here](#).

**NVRH and BMH FY2019 Budget Amendment Request: Staff Recommendation**

Lori Perry, Senior Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB  
Kelly Theroux, Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB  
Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, GMCB

Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital (NVRH) and Brattleboro Memorial Hospital (BMH) requested budget amendment regarding provider transfer/acquisition. For NVRH, they notified the Board of the acquisition of Northeastern Physical Therapy (NPT), effective December 1, 2018. Based on the information provided, the acquisition would add \$1,041,700 to NVRH's approved FY2019 NPR, a 1.3% increase. The GMCB staff reviewed the request and recommend the budget accordingly. Board Member Robin Lunge made a motion to approve the request, Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded. The Board voted to approve the amendment unanimously (5-0). Brattleboro Memorial Hospital (BMH) notified the GMCB of transfers of three practice – OB/GYN, Neurology, and Primary Care. Based on the information provided, these acquisitions would add \$1,178,593 to BMH's approved FY2019 NPR, a 1.42% increase. The staff recommend amending the budget accordingly. Board Member Robin Lunge filed a motion to approve the request, Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded. The Board voted to approve BMH's request unanimously (5-0). For more information, please view the presentation [here](#).

### **Presentation of FY 2018 Hospital Budget Actuals**

Lori Perry, Senior Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB  
Kelly Theroux, Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB  
Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, GMCB

The Hospital Budget team presented the FY18 hospital budget year-end actuals reporting. Hospital are required to submit their FY2018 audited financial statements, all documents and other additional information are available on the GMCB website [here](#). The report included Net Patient Revenue and Fixed Prospective Payment (NPR/FPP), which are combined, as well as expenses and utilization. The report also includes key financial indicators such as days cash on hand and total margin. To view the presentation please visit our website [here](#).

### **FY 2020 Hospital Budget Guidance – Potential Vote**

Lori Perry, Senior Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB  
Kelly Theroux, Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB  
Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, GMCB

The Hospital Budget team provided a summary of changes for FY2020 Guidance and appendices as presented on February 20, 2019. They reviewed the non-financial reporting guidance, public comments received to date, and the next steps of the Budget Guidance. By March 13, the GMCB is to provide hospitals with templates for reporting information on quality improvement initiatives related to the All-Payer Model quality measure, access to care/wait times, and the Community Health Needs Assessments. Completed templates are due by the end of April 2019. The Board is scheduled to hold a potential vote on March 27, 2019 on the FY2020 Hospital Budget Guidance. To view the presentation, please visit our website [here](#).

## **Public Comment**

Ham Davis  
Mike Del Trecco  
Marc Stanislas

## **VITL Quarterly Update**

Mike Smith, Interim President & CEO, VITL  
Frank Harris, Strategic Technology Advisor, VITL  
Robert Turnau, Chief Financial Officer, VITL  
Andrea De La Bruere, Director of Client Services, VITL  
Carolyn Stone, Director of Operations, VITL

The Vermont Information Technology Leader (VITL) staff presented a governance and operations, technology, and financial update. They discussed the shared technology services program and the future platform study status. Data cleanup was then discussed and a financial update on VITL's revenue, expenses and balance sheet. For more information, please view the presentation [here](#) on our website.

## **DVHA HIE Quarterly Update**

Michael Costa, Deputy Commissioner, DVHA  
Emily Richards, HIE Program Director, DVHA

Michael Costa and Emily Richards updated the Board on the HIE Program, including the 2019 Steering Committee. They then presented the VITL contracts and the national-level changes with impacts in Vermont. For more information, please view the presentation [here](#) on our website.

## **OneCare Vermont 2018 Budget Order Amendment Request – Potential Vote**

Melissa Miles, Health Policy Project Director, GMCB  
Lynn Combs, Esq., Associate General Counsel, GMCB

Lynn Combs and Melissa Miles reviewed OneCare Vermont's budget amendment requests and the public comment the Board received. The requested amendments and Board votes are below.

- 1) F.4. OneCare must implement the delegated risk model it described in its budget proposal, except that it must establish reserves of \$1.1 million by July 1, 2018 and \$2.2 million by December 31, 2018.  
Amendment Request: OneCare must establish reserves of \$1.4 million by December 31, 2018 instead of \$2.2 million.  
Vote: Board Member Robin Lunge made a motion to approve the amendment as requested by OneCare regarding F.4. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the amendment request unanimously (5-0).

- 2) H. OneCare must fund its other population health management and payment reform programs... at no less than 3.1% of its overall budget. The Board will monitor this ratio throughout the year to ensure it does not decrease below 3.1%. If the percentage decreases, OneCare must promptly alert the Board.

Amendment Request: OneCare must spend no less than 2.5% of its budget on population health reform and payment reform programs.

Vote: Board Member Robin Lunge made a motion to approve the amendment as requested by OneCare regarding (H.). Board Member Tom Pelham seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve the amendment request unanimously (5-0).

### **Public Comment**

Eric Schultheis  
Walter Carpenter  
Dale Hackett  
Mike Smith

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjourn**

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