

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 5, 2018  
1:00 pm

**Attendance**

Kevin J. Mullin, Chair  
Judy Henkin, 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. Judy Henkin notified the public the Board issued the decision for Blue Cross Blue Shield's Qualified Health Plan, the individual and small group market on August 14, 2018. The Board reduced the average annual rate increase from 9.6% to 5.8%. The average rate felt by Vermonters is about 3.2% when considering the increased availability for tax credits. The total savings is slightly under \$13 million. The Board also issued the decision for MVP's individual and small group market filing; they reduced the rate from 10.9% to 6.6%. The average rate change felt by Vermonters is about 1.9% when considering the increased availability for tax credits. The total savings is slightly over \$6 million. For more information, please click [here](#). Judy also mentioned the Board received a petition from Ken Libertoff regarding hospital salaries. Kevin briefly discussed the petition.

**Minutes**

The Board voted (4-0-1) to approve the minutes from August 8, 2018. Robin Lunge abstained from the vote.

**Hospital Budget Discussion and Potential Vote(s)**

Pat Jones, Director of Health System Finances, GMCB  
Lori Perry, Healthcare Financial Systems Senior Analyst, GMCB  
Kelly Theroux, Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB

Pat Jones, Lori Perry, and Kelly Theroux provided a high-level hospital-by-hospital review to the Board to start the discussion and develop preliminary decisions. Each slide outlined information about each hospital, including NPR growth, health reform investments, and the FY19 rate request. The staff provided their own recommendations to the Board regarding the HCR investments, NPR growth rate, commercial rate increase and more for each hospital. For more information on the slide deck presentation, please click [here](#). The Board discussed the staff recommendations. For more information on the discussion, an official transcript is available upon request.

**Public Comment**

Ken Libertoff  
Walter Carpenter  
Marc Stanislas

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Adjourn**

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at 4:15 pm.