

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 19, 2019
1:00 pm

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 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced from May 13, 2019 through July 24, 2019 the Board is accepting public comment regarding the 2020 Proposed Vermont Health Connect Filing Rates. The public comment page on the GMCB website can be found [here](#). There will be no Board Meeting on Wednesday, July 3, 2019 in honor of Independence Day. The Primary Care Advisory Group (PCAG) meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the GMCB office. The rate review hearing for MVP Health Care will be held on Monday, July 22, 2019 at 8:00 am, and the rate review hearing for BlueCross BlueShield of Vermont (BCBSVT) will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 at 8:00 am. Both hearings will be held in Room 11 of the Vermont State House. There will be a rate review public comment forum on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 from 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers/Memorial Room at Montpelier City Hall. The July 2019 Board Meeting schedule is posted [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from June 12, 2019.

University of Vermont Medical Center Update

Dr. John Brumsted, President and CEO, the University of Vermont Health Network, CEO, the University of Vermont Medical Center

Dr. John Brumsted spoke about the need to bring existing providers and communities together, as well as being innovative, as we move towards health care that is centered around wellness and high value care. He presented the FY 2019 projected finances for the University of Vermont Health Network (UVMHN). The total net patient service revenue (NPSR), fixed prospective payments (FPP), and One Care Vermont (OCV) revenue is projected to be 1.4 percent over budget. The variance of the FPP is \$67 Million below budget, because they anticipated receiving fixed payments from BCBSVT in FY 2019. They hope to receive these fixed payments in FY 2020. Total salaries have increased, and the non-salary expenses increase is related to volume

increase and the 340B Drug Pricing Program. Dr. John Brumsted anticipates stressed margins, partially due to investments previously made.

Dr. John Brumsted presented the budget variance report for the University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMMC). The total revenue is projected to be 1.9 percent greater than the FY 2019 budgeted amount, partially due to “other revenue” being an extra \$29,558,401. The total salaries increase is due to the organized labor activity in contracts and work force inflation. Chair Kevin Mullin asked Dr. John Brumsted to discuss his expectations with long-term growth in wage inflation.

Dr. John Brumsted presented the change in population from 2010 to 2018 with UVMMC, the primary market population, and the percentage change in population over 65. He reviewed the NPR/FPP adjusted for patient volume and case mix index (CMI) per unique patient and discussed the importance of adjusting for population demographics. Dr. John Brumsted discussed commercial rate increase and 340B growth and their effect on UVMMC’s operating margin. Board Member Robin Lunge commented on how commercial rate increases can have ramifications for Vermont families and the uninsured rate. There was discussion with Dr. John Brumsted, Chair Kevin Mullin, and Board Member Maureen Usifer about commercial rate increase, the All-Payer Model (APM), fixed leverage costs, and cost saving initiatives.

Dr. John Brumsted spoke about the Miller Building that was just opened and the budget status. He then reviewed Wave 1 overview for EPIC Implementation. Looking forward UVMMC is focusing on high value care, work force, and volume to value with the APM. The Board asked questions and had a discussion with Dr. John Brumsted. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Public Comment

Ken Libertoff
Walter Carpenter

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 2:35 pm.