

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 28, 2018  
9:00 am

**Attendance**

Kevin J. Mullin, Chair  
Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director  
Judy Henkin, General Counsel  
Jessica A. Holmes, PhD  
Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS  
Tom Pelham

**Executive Director's Report**

Kevin Mullin, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett, Executive Director, reviewed the agenda for the Board meeting and mentioned the March meeting schedule is posted on our website. Please click [here](#) for more information.

**Minutes**

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from February 26, 2018.

**Hospital Budget Discussion**

Andy Pallito, Director of Health System Finances, GMCB

Andy Pallito presented the reporting timeline to the Board and walked through the FY 2019 hospital budget submissions reporting requirements draft document. Andy and staff outlined the budget guidelines, community health needs assessment, budget performance, physician transfers and acquisitions, and reporting requirements. For more information, please click [here](#).

**Hospital Budget Discussion**

Dr. John Brumsted, President and CEO, UVMMC & UVMHN  
Ruth Greene, Vice President and CFO, BCBS Vermont  
Sara Teachout, Director, Government, Public, & Media Relations, BCBS Vermont  
Susan Gretkowski, Senior Government Affairs Strategist, MVP Health

Andy Pallito started the discussion on hospital budgets for the afternoon Board meeting. Dr. John Brumsted went over the agenda of his presentation and started with Porter Hospital's recommendation, then Central Vermont Medical Center's. John reviewed the University of Vermont Medical Center's budget, demographic factors, and the impact leading to the

recommendation on how to address the FY17 unbudgeted revenue. For more information, please click [here](#).

Ruth Greene and Sara Teachout presented on the interrelationship of hospital budgets and the insurance rates. Sara highlighted three key points and presented hypothetical budget scenarios. For more information, please click [here](#). Susan Gretkowski reiterated the recommendation to make a unit cost adjustment sooner than later. However, if this is done now, it won't be reflected in 2018 rates.

### **Public Comment**

Kaili Kuiper  
Hamilton Davis  
Ken Libertoff  
Marc Stanislas

### **Old Business**

Robin Lunge provided an update on the individual mandate and federal issues working group. The GMCB staff gave an update recently at a Board meeting that the federal mandate is no longer being enforced, so Vermont may implement one. A bill was introduced recently proposing that the Board would convene the workgroup with other participating groups including the Department of Finance, Department of Vermont Health Access, two legislators and stakeholders during the summer months.

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjourn**

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 3:15 pm.