

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 20, 2020
1:00 pm

Attendance

Kevin J. Mullin, Chair *(via phone)*
Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director *(via phone)*
Michael Barber, General Counsel *(via phone)*
Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS *(via phone)*
Maureen Usifer *(via phone)*
Jessica Holmes, PhD *(via phone)*
Tom Pelham *(via phone)*

Executive Director's Report

Chair Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced the Primary Care Advisory Group Meeting is on Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 5:00 pm. The special comment period on the FY21 hospital budget guidance was from May 12, 2020 until May 19, 2020 at 10:00 am and this will likely be extended.

Updated Hospital Budget Guidance

Patrick Rooney, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB

Patrick Rooney reviewed the proposed abbreviated guidance regarding the change in charge, the assumptions that should be included, and details that the Board may consider. Patrick Rooney presented a staff example, discussion items for the Board, and next steps. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. Chair Kevin Mullin explained that the Board would continue the discussion on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 and possibly on Friday, May 29, 2020. The Board Members discussed the change in charge proposal, the timeframe, utilization, hospitals meeting pent up demand, Medicaid, payer mix, sustainability plans, and mid-year adjustment. The Board Members discussed the components of the guidance: still having the budget process in the summer 2020, enforcement for FY 2020, enforcement for FY 2021, the two separate pieces of the change in charge (a regular charge increase and a COVID-19 related charge increase), and NPR. The GMCB legal and hospital budget staff will work on language for the guidance discussed to post for public comment and the Board's review. Information on public comment can be found [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Public Comment

Jeff Tieman, President and CEO, VAHHS
Marc Stanislas, Vice President of Finance, University of Vermont Health Network
Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 3:05 pm.