

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 19, 2020
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

Chair Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced the Primary Care Advisory Group is meeting at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 to follow up on the testimony given to the legislature, the primary care workforce panel that was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, and a meeting with the Larner College of Medicine. The video of the panel can be seen [here](#) on the Orca Media website.

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from February 12, 2020.

UVM Milestone Report on Investments Towards Increasing Mental Health Capacity

Anna Noonan, President & COO, Central Vermont Medical Center
James Alvarez, VP Support Service, Central Vermont Medical Center
Eve Hoar, VP Strategic and Business Planning, UVM Health Network

Anna Noonan explained that they are currently in Phase II of the psychiatric inpatient facility planning and the milestones completed. James Alvarez reviewed the schematic design and the site design considerations and challenges. Eve Hoar reviewed the business plan development and updated data analysis. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. The Board Members had a discussion with the presenters about clearly separating out the costs of the psychiatric inpatient beds, when UVMNH will have a target range of cost available, different approaches to the project, the reasons for the updated data analysis, the reasonable costs of psychiatric inpatient beds, where children/adolescents can receive psychiatric care, possible short-term solutions, a capital campaign, and the recent strategic plan released by the Department of Mental Health.

Public Comment

Dale Hackett, Health Care Advocate

Representative Anne Donahue
Dan Towle, Mental Health Care Advocate
Ken Liberto, Ph.D., Former Director of the Vermont Association for Mental Health

Standard QHP Designs Discussion – Potential Vote

Dana Houlihan, Plan Management Director, DVHA
Brittney Phillips, Consulting Actuary, Wakely Consulting

Dana Houlihan reviewed the [2020 Individual and Small Group Enrollment Report](#) from February 3, 2020. The Board Members asked questions about the details of the report. Dana Houlihan answered questions that were asked by the Board on February 12, 2020 about the plan comparison tool and the plan design stakeholder group. Brittney Phillips reviewed Wakely's [follow-up items](#) for the Board from February 12, 2020. Dana Houlihan and Brittney Phillips discussed the chiropractic copays and the potential legislative action with the Board Members. Board Member Tom Pelham had a discussion with the presenters about the math behind the estimated premium impact, affordability, and the benchmark plan.

Board Member Robin Lunge made a motion to approve the presented chiropractic and physical therapy copays at 125 percent of the plan's primary care practice office visit copay, rounded down to the nearest five-dollar increment, so long as those copay amounts are permitted under State law for the 2021 plan year. Board Member Maureen Usifer seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion. Board Member Robin Lunge made a motion to approve the green highlighted plan design changes on page eighteen of the [February 12, 2020 presentation](#). Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

Public Comment

Dale Hackett, Health Care Advocate
Eric Schultheis, Staff Attorney, Vermont Legal Aid

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

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