

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 22, 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 a Board Meeting has been added to Wednesday, April 29, 2020 at 10:00 am to discuss Northwestern Medical Center's 2020 budget amendment request with a potential vote. At 1:00 pm the same day, the Board Meeting will be the COVID-19 response updates from health insurers. All Board Meeting information can be found [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) by roll call to approve the minutes from April 8, 2020.

OneCare Vermont 2020 Update

Victoria Loner, MHCDS, RN, CCM, CPUR, PAHM, Chief Executive Officer, OneCare Vermont

Victoria Loner reviewed OneCare Vermont's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Board of Managers' commitment to supporting providers of care. The Board Members asked questions about the fixed prospective payments and the fixed payment BCBS QHP pilot program at Southwestern Medical Center. Victoria Loner reviewed OneCare Vermont's financial support to providers, federal advocating activities, state and payer program advocating activities, COVID-19 care coordination prioritization app, and steps towards the future. The Board Members asked questions and had a discussion with Victoria Loner about telehealth, the care coordination prioritization app, provider payment distributions, program funding, and advanced payments to network providers. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Public Comment

Richard (Mort) Wasserman, MD, MPH, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont

Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate
Cathy Fulton, Executive Director, VPQHC
Jessa Barnard, Executive Director, Vermont Medical Society
Representative Annemarie Christensen, Vermont House Committee on Health Care
Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

BCBSVT Non-Standard Plan Design Presentation – Potential Vote

Rebecca Heintz, General Counsel, BCBSVT
Kathleen Clark, Wellness Product Manager, BCBSVT
Martine Brisson-Lemieux, Actuarial Services Manager, BCBSVT

Rebecca Heintz reviewed the three non-standard plans that are largely the same as previous offerings, but triggered GMCB review due to three benefit enhancements. Rebecca Heintz explained what triggered GMCB review, the non-standard plans, the benefit design principles, chronic conditions in the BCBSVT QHP population, how the plan changes support Vermont's priorities, and the proposed plan design changes benefit enhancements for 2021. The Board Members asked questions about cost sharing, copays, and nutritional counseling. Rebecca Heintz reviewed the 2021 QHP Gold Deductible Plan, the 2021 QHP Silver Deductible Plan, the 2021 QHP Bronze Deductible Plan, the GMCB evaluation criteria of non-standard QHPs, and the success metrics. The Board Members asked questions and had a discussion with the presenters about marketing, the blue rewards program, the benchmark plan, and the impact on risk pools. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Board Member Robin Lunge moved to approve the BCBSVT 2021 non-standard plan design changes as presented. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) by roll call to approve the motion.

Public Comment

Walter Carpenter, Health Care Activist
Richard (Mort) Wasserman, MD, MPH, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont

Old Business

None

New Business

Chair Kevin Mullin introduced a discussion on the hospital budget process. The Board Members discussed whether to have enforcement action for FY 2019 and FY 2020, how they might set Net Patient Revenue (NPR), and alignment with monthly reporting.

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) by roll call to adjourn at approximately 3:20 pm.