

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 2, 2020
8:30 am

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 8:30 am. Susan Barrett announced the afternoon meeting on September 2, 2020 was canceled, and the COVID Relief Funding Update agenda item was moved to 1:00 pm on September 9, 2020. The September 9, 2020 meeting will begin at 8:30 am. The September schedule can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. The special comment period on FY21 hospital budgets was extended to September 8, 2020.

FY21 Hospital Budget Deliberations

Patrick Rooney, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB
Lori Perry, Health Systems Analytics Director, GMCB

Patrick Rooney presented a system wide overview of the FY21 hospital budgets. The Board Members had a discussion and asked the staff questions. Patrick Rooney reviewed the FY21 budget of Gifford Medical Center and the staff recommendations. Lori Perry reviewed the FY21 budget of Southwestern Vermont Medical Center and the staff recommendations. Patrick Rooney reviewed the FY21 budget of North Country Hospital and the staff recommendations. Lori Perry reviewed the FY21 budget of Northeastern Vermont Medical Center and the staff recommendations. Patrick Rooney reviewed the FY21 budget of Grace Cottage Hospital and the staff recommendations. Lori Perry reviewed the FY21 budget of Springfield Hospital and the staff recommendations. The Board Members had a discussion and asked the staff questions. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Public Comment

Hamilton Davis, Journalist and Policy Analyst

Minutes

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

Michael Barber announced on August 28, 2020 the Board approved the association health plan rating program filing of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont. There was no rate increase to announce because there was no approved rate for these products, and it is a formula and factor filing so there was no premium to announce either. The Board did make several modifications. The Board adjusted the FY 2021 unit costs assumptions for GMCB regulated facilities (for the QHP to the midpoint between last year's hospital budget rates and this year's submitted hospital budget rates), reduced the trend component of the administrative charge increase to zero, corrected the administrative charges to remove the TPHP billback amounts included in the base period, and used updated unit cost trend calculations which removed an immaterial formula error.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 10:30 am.