

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 27, 2019
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

Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced that there will be a Panel to discuss Rural Hospitals on April 3, 2019 at 9:00 am. There will be a Traveling Board Meeting held at Gifford Medical Center in May, the date will be finalized. The Primary Care Advisory Group (PCAG) met last week and discussed Health Care Workforce. The Data Governance Council will be meeting next week, April 2, 2019 at 2:00 pm. The GMCB has a job opening for a Health Systems Finance Director, and it will be posted on the Vermont HR website and the GMCB site [here](#).

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from March 20, 2019.

FY 2019 Amended Budget Request - Springfield

Lori Perry, Senior Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB
Kelly Theroux, Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB
Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, GMCB

Lori Perry announced the GMCB received an amended budget request for FY 2019 from Springfield Hospital on March 27, 2019. The request was for a 5% increase in the hospital's average charge, effective May 1, 2019. This request was authorized at the GMCB's March 12, 2019 Board Meeting. The reasons for the request were negative operating margins and they recently terminated their Child Birth services. Kevin Mullin asked the GMCB staff to reach out to the CEO of Springfield Hospital for a meeting date to discuss the amended budget request. The presentation can be found [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Public Comment

Eric Schultheis
Dale Hackett

Walter Carpenter
Mark Stanislas
Jeff Tieman

FY 2020 Hospital Budget Guidance – Potential Vote

Lori Perry, Senior Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB
Kelly Theroux, Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB
Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, GMCB

Lori Perry presented the summary of changes for FY 2020 Guidance as presented on March 13, 2019. The presentation can be found [here](#) on the GMCB website. After Board discussion, Board Member Robin Lunge made a motion to approve the guidance proposed by staff, with a maximum growth target of 3.5% for individual hospital's NPR/FPP for FY 2020, and a tentative maximum NPR/FPP growth target of 3.5% FY 2021 for hospital budgets that appear to be trending in 2019 and 2020 in alignment with the overall APM target. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the motion.

Public Comment

Dale Hackett
Dan Bennett
Mark Stanislas

Presentation on FY 2018 Hospital Budget Enforcement

Lori Perry, Senior Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB
Kelly Theroux, Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB
Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, GMCB

Lori Perry presented an overview of the Enforcement Mechanism that will be used when examining the operating results of the FY 2018 budgets. NPR/FPP growth target was set at 3.0%, with an additional 0.4% increase allowed for new health care reform investments. The Board had previously decided to “rebase” Porter Medical Center and the University of Vermont Medical Center. The presentation can be found [here](#) on the GMCB website. The Board discussed the variance that would trigger an Enforcement Review with a hospital, as well as if the two Rebased Budgets should have an Enforcement Review. The Board decided to continue the conversation about the two Rebased Budgets at a later date. Board Member Robin Lunge made a motion to request hospitals to come in for an Enforcement Review if they have a +2.0% FY 2018 variance or a -2.5% FY 2018 variance. Board Member Maureen Usifer seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously (5-0) to approve the motion.

Public Comment

Dale Hackett
Mark Stanislas

Presentation on 2017 Health Care Expenditure Analysis

Lori Perry, Senior Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst, GMCB

Lori Perry presented the 2017 Vermont Health Care Expenditure Analysis. The Board has been tasked with developing an annual expenditure analysis since 1991, as well as estimates of health care spending in the future for a period of at least two years. The report examines trends in spending and sources of funds, compares VT data to national data from the National Health Accounts, and quantifies total spending for all health care services by Vermont resident and Vermont provider. Lori Perry explained the ways in which the Health Care Expenditure Analysis is different to Total Cost of Care and summarized the findings of the Health Care Expenditure Analysis for 2017. The Board thanked Lori Perry for her hard work on this presentation and discussed trends that were in the analysis. The full presentation can be found [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Public Comment

Eric Schultheis
Mark Stanislas

Old Business

Kevin Mullin updated the Board and the Public on his trip to Washington to meet with public servants who work on innovation at HHS. Even though there is a different team in Washington and in Vermont than when the All Payer Model was implemented, at the end of the day both groups are working towards providing people with quality health care at an affordable cost.

New Business

None

Adjourn

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