

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Friday, April 12, 2019  
9:00 am

**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 9:00 am. Susan Barrett announced that the GMCB will be moving the Enforcement Hearing for Springfield Hospital originally scheduled on April 17, 2019, in light of Representative Robert Forguites' funeral. The hearing will now be on April 24, 2019 at 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett gave her and the GMCB's condolences to Springfield, Rutland, and the members of the House. The updated Press Release can be found [here](#) on the GMCB website.

**Minutes**

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from April 8, 2019.

**FY 2018 Copley Hospital Enforcement Discussion**

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

Agatha Kessler presented the FY 2018 Copley Hospital Enforcement Discussion slide deck. She reviewed Copley Hospital's FY 2018 and FY 2019 Budgets Submitted and Approved, FY 2018 Actuals, the FY 2019 Year-to-Date, the FY 2019 Forecast, and the 5-Year Results. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

**Hospital Budget Enforcement Hearing**

Arthur Mathisen, FACHE, CEO, Copley Hospital  
Debbie Dorain, CFO, Copley Hospital

Arthur Mathisen and Debbie Dorain were sworn in by the Court Reporter. Arthur Mathisen presented the drivers of the 2.6% NPR shortage in FY 2018, including surgical utilization, inpatient admissions, emergency room visits, and closing the Sleep Study in January 2018. He

discussed that their surgical utilization was under budget because of their dental surgeon retiring due to illness and their lead orthopedic surgeon being diagnosed with leukemia. The drivers of the \$2.2M Operating Loss were labor costs, drug costs, and supply costs (mainly the demand for Orthopedic implants). The actions that Copley Hospital is taking to meet the FY 2019 Budget are extra cost control measures, heightening surgical utilization review activities, recruitment of physicians to re-open the Sleep Study, and considering the need to request a mid-year rate change.

Debbie Dorain presented the update on the FY 2019 Financial Performance. She explained the hospital's forecast of NPR 2.8% below budget, Expenses 0.4% below budget, and an Operating Loss of \$1.4M (-2.1%) by the end of FY 2019. She then explained what factors she considered for the possible NPR rebase and presented Copley Hospital's recommendation to not be rebased.

Arthur Mathisen discussed how Copley Hospital is considering partnering with New England Alliance for Health. The Board asked questions and had a discussion with Arthur Mathisen and Debbie Dorain. The presentation by Copley Hospital can be found [here](#) on the GMCB website.

### **Public Comment**

Jeff Tieman

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjourn**

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 10:20 am.