

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Friday, December 18, 2020  
11:00 am

**Attendance**

Kevin J. Mullin, Chair *(via Microsoft Teams)*  
Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director *(via Microsoft Teams)*  
Michael Barber, General Counsel *(via Microsoft Teams)*  
Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS *(via Microsoft Teams)*  
Maureen Usifer *(via Microsoft Teams)*  
Jessica Holmes, PhD *(via Microsoft Teams)*  
Tom Pelham *(via Microsoft Teams)*

**Executive Director's Report**

Chair Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 am. Susan Barrett reviewed the agenda items for the Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 23, 2020.

**FY21 ACO Budget Discussion**

Alena Berube, Director of Health Systems Policy, GMCB  
Marisa Melamed, Associate Director of Health Care Policy, GMCB  
Victoria Loner, MHCDS, RN, CCM, CPUR, PAHM, CEO, OneCare Vermont  
Tom Borys, Sr. Director of ACO Finance and Payment Reform, OneCare Vermont

Alena Berube explained that after GMCB staff presented their recommendations to the Board on December 9, 2020, a letter was sent to OneCare Vermont (OCV) on December 11, 2020 detailing the areas of uncertainty related to the proposed FY 2021 budget. Written responses were received on December 15, 2020 and the staff updated some recommendations to the Board. Alena Berube reviewed the topics that GMCB staff asked OCV for additional information on, the updated information on OCV's salaries and benefits, the administrative budget funding sources, the updated uncertainties in the budget, the 2021 proposed administrative expenses, and the GMCB staff's updated recommendations for OCV's administrative budget.

Marisa Melamed explained that the letter did not ask about the Blueprint for Health and SASH programs' advanced shared savings, but OCV did submit feedback on the impact of adding the Medicare trend on Blueprint program expenses in 2021. Marisa Melamed reviewed the asymmetrical risk to the ACO associated with investing the advanced shared savings, the additional \$8 million in Federal money that is brought into the State with these programs, the evaluations that suggest these programs generate savings, the level funding of the programs, and the updated GMCB staff recommendation for Blueprint for Health and SASH advanced shared savings.

Alena Berube reviewed the updated recommendations for reserves and next steps. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#)

Chair Mullin invited Victoria Loner to speak about the 2% salary increases, the reserves, and the Blueprint for Health and SASH programs. Victoria Loner thanked the GMCB staff for their work and discussed OCV's support of coming back to the Board in the Spring with revised operations, adjustment for the bill back, the salary increases of 2% for all OCV employees, the purpose of OCV's reserves, and the proposed inflationary rate to hospitals participating in Medicare or in the Blueprint for Health/SASH program as an incentive for participating in health care reform. The Board Members had a discussion with GMCB staff and OCV participants about the benchmark plan, OCV's 2020 projection, more clarification on the proposed inflationary rate for the Blueprint for Health and SASH program participants, the maximum Federal funding for the programs outlined in the All-Payer Model as a cap, the asymmetric risk of the programs, what guarantees might exist that recipients of the inflationary rate would use the funds for health care reform, the role of the Agency of Human Services, and the timing of the vote on the budget.

### **Public Comment**

None

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjourn**

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 11:55 am.