

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 16, 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*)

Chair Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 am

FY21 Hospital Budget Deliberations

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

Patrick Rooney reviewed the staff recommendations for Springfield Hospital. Board Member Robin Lunge moved to approve Springfield Hospital's budget, with an NPR/FPP increase of 3.5% from FY 2020 to FY 2021 budget with commensurate reductions to expenses, a 4.0% increase to overall charges as submitted, subject to the standard budget conditions as outlined on Slide 27, and improved timeliness and accuracy of data submissions to the Board. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

Chair Mullin discussed a letter that was received by the GMCB on September 16, 2020 and what was in the FY21 hospital budget guidance including the amount to which the hospital was compensated through COVID related stimulus grants.

Patrick Rooney reviewed the staff recommendations for Copley Hospital. Board Member Maureen Usifer moved to approve Copley Hospital's budget with commensurate reductions to expense, a 6.0% increase to overall charges, 4% representing the traditional commercial increase and 2.0% the COVID related increase, and a commensurate reduction to the requested 6.1% NPR/FPP by the impact of the adjusted change in charge from 8.0% to 6.0%, subject to the standard budget conditions as outlined on Slide 27, and improved timeliness and accuracy of data submissions to the Board. Board Member Robin Lunge seconded. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

Patrick Rooney reviewed the staff recommendations for Rutland Regional Medical Center. Board Member Maureen Usifer moved to approve Rutland Regional Medical Center's budget as submitted, with a 7.6% decrease from FY 2020 to FY 2021 budgeted NPR/FPP, a 6.0% increase to overall charges, separated as 4.0% standard rate increase and a 2.0% COVID rate increase,

and subjected to the standard budget conditions as outlined on Slide 27. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

Patrick Rooney reviewed the staff recommendations for Brattleboro Memorial Hospital. Board Member Robin Lunge moved to approve Brattleboro Memorial Hospital's budget with a commensurate NPR/FPP increase from FY 2020 to FY 2021 budgeted NPR/FPP due to the accounting changes previously voted on, a 2.9% increase in standard component of change in charge and 2.0% increase in COVID related charges for a total of 4.9% increase to overall charges as requested, subject to the standard budget conditions as outlined on Slide 27, and improved timeliness and accuracy of data submissions. Board Member Maureen Usifer seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

Patrick Rooney reviewed the staff recommendations for Mt. Ascutney Hospital & Health Center. Board Member Robin Lunge moved to approve Mt. Ascutney Hospital & Health Center's budget as submitted, with a 4.6% increase from FY 2020 to FY 2021 budgeted NPR/FPP, a 2.1% standard increase to overall charges and a 2.2% COVID-19 related increase to overall charges resulting in a 4.3% total increase in overall charges, and subject to the standard budget conditions as outlined on Slide 27. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board discussed the provider tax and tabled the motion until the afternoon.

Patrick Rooney reviewed the staff recommendations for Northwestern Medical Center. Board Member Maureen Usifer moved to approve Northwestern Medical Center's budget including acknowledged provider transfers and accounting adjustments, with a commensurate NPR/FPP decrease to be calculated based on the adjustments made to the commercial charge, with a 10.0% increase to the standard commercial rate and a 3.0% COVID related increase resulting in a 13.0% overall increase in charges, and subject to the standard budget conditions as outlined on Slide 27, and improved timeliness of data submissions. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

Patrick Rooney reviewed the staff recommendations for Porter Medical Center. Jennifer Bertrand, CFO, Porter Medical Center, gave clarifying information to the Board. Board Member Robin Lunge moved to approve Porter Medical Center's budget, with a 3.0% standard increase to the effective commercial rate and a 1.0% COVID-19 related increase resulting in a 4.0% total increase in charges, with commensurate NPR/FPP from FY 2020 to FY 2021 budget, subject to the standard budget conditions as outlined on Slide 27. Board Member Tom Pelham seconded the motion. The Board voted (4-1) to approve the motion, with Chair Mullin voting no.

Patrick Rooney reviewed the staff recommendations for Central Vermont Medical Center. The Board discussed the change in charge and the reduction of the FY 2021 provider tax by approximately \$430,000.

Patrick Rooney reviewed the change in charge and the provider tax of Mt. Ascutney Hospital & Health Center. Board Member Robin Lunge withdrew the earlier motion. Board Member Maureen Usifer moved to approve Mt. Ascutney Hospital & Health Center's budget as submitted with a 4.6% increase from FY 2020 to FY 2021 budgeted NPR/FPP, a 2.1% standard increase to overall charges and a 2.5% COVID-19 related increase to overall charges resulting in a 4.6%

total increase in charges, and subject to the standard budget conditions as outlined on Slide 27. Board Member Robin Lunge seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

Patrick Rooney reviewed the change in charge and the reduction of the FY 2021 provider tax by approximately \$430,000 of Central Vermont Medical Center. Board Member Robin Lunge moved to approve Central Vermont Medical Center's budget with a 7.0% increase to the total effective rate with a 4.0% increase to the commercial effective rate and a 3.0% COVID-19 related increase, with the commensurate reduction to NPR/FPP from FY 2020 to FY 2021 budget with commensurate reduction to expenses, and subject to the budget conditions as outlined on Slide 27. Board Member Jessica Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

Patrick Rooney reviewed the change in charge and NPR/FPP with the \$570,000 reduction in provider tax of University of Vermont Medical Center. Board Member Robin Lunge moved to approve University of Vermont Medical Center's budget with a 4.0% increase in the effective commercial rate and a 2.0% COVID-19 related increase resulting in a 6.0% total change in charge, with a commensurate NPR/FPP from FY 2020 to FY 2021 and commensurate reductions to expenses, and subject to the standard budget conditions as outlined on Slide 27. Board Member Maureen Usifer seconded the motion. The Board voted (4-1) by roll call to approve the motion, with Board Member Tom Pelham voting no.

Public Comment

Michael Del Trecco, Sr. Vice President of Finance & Operations, VAHHS
Marc Stanislas, Vice President of Finance, University of Vermont Health Network
Jennifer Bertrand, CFO, Porter Medical Center
Thomas Thompson, CEO, Porter Medical Center
Thomas Golonka, Board Chair, Central Vermont Medical Center
Jeffrey Tieman, President and CEO, VAHHS

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 3:10 pm.