

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 30, 2020  
1:00 pm

**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 Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Board Member Tom Pelham moved to take up the vote again on the University of Vermont Medical Center's FY21 budget made on September 29, 2020. Chair Mullin seconded the motion. The Board voted by roll call (4-1) to approve the motion made at the September 29, 2020 Board Meeting on the University of Vermont Medical Center's FY21 budget. Board Member Tom Pelham voted no.

**Executive Director's Report**

Susan Barrett announced the October 2020 Board Meeting is posted on the [GMCB website](#). FY 2021 Hospital Budget Decisions are due by October 14, 2020. The comments submitted for the special comment period on the request for FY21 budget reconsideration can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

**Minutes**

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from September 15, 2020 and September 16, 2020.

**VITL Quarterly Update**

Beth Anderson, President & CEO, VITL  
Robert Turnau, Vice President, Finance and CFO, VITL  
Carolyn Stone, Director of Operations, VITL  
Christopher Shenk, Director of Technology, VITL  
Maurine Gilbert, Director of Client Engagement, VITL

Beth Anderson introduced the presenters from VITL, gave an overview of the presentation, and spoke about supporting the Vermont Department of Health's data needs. Maurine Gilbert reviewed the op-out transition with consent requests, Vermont Health Information Exchange (VHIE) education and consent policy communications to Vermonters, an example of a new flyer, integrating sensitive data, and the sensitive data stakeholder engagement plan. The Board

Members asked questions about engagement with organizations/patients and geographic diversity. Christopher Shenk reviewed the interoperability rules and the new changes. The Board Members asked questions about information blocking and revenue streams. Carolyn Stone reviewed the collaborative services project including completed phase 1, the progress of phase 2, expected outcomes, the target scope of initial implementation, recommended next objectives, and longer-term recommendations. The Board Member discussed acronyms, geographic mapping of codes, and the nine data concepts mapped in phase 1. Robert Turnau reviewed reducing redundancy in health information technology costs, master patient index, the terminology services tool, the rhapsody interface engine, the new data platform, and future savings. The Board Members discussed the funding of the new data platform. Carolyn Stone presented the quarterly update with requested changes from the Board. Robert Turnau presented the update on the FY20 financials. The Board Members discussed the expense cost of the delay of implementation and VITL's strong cash on hand. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

### **Public Comment**

Rick Dooley, PA-C, Clinical Network Director, Health First

Richard (Mort) Wasserman, MD, MPH, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

### **Staff Presentation on GMCB Regulatory Alignment**

Sarah Kinsler, Director of Strategy and Operations, GMCB

Susan Barrett reviewed the background of the GMCB regulatory alignment efforts. Sarah Kinsler explained that the GMCB is soliciting feedback on the draft white papers on GMCB regulatory alignment, and a special comment period is posted [here](#) on the GMCB website. Sarah Kinsler reviewed the current state of the regulatory processes, key takeaways, and connections between processes. The processes include Vermont's All-Payer Model, Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Oversight, Hospital Budget Review, and Health Insurance Premium Rate Review. Sarah Kinsler reviewed the current timeline, timeline constraints, recommendations, next steps, and the process. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. The Board Members discussed the rate review process timing with the hospital budget process, the importance of input from stakeholders, and potential burden.

### **Public Comment**

Dale Hackett, Health Care and Disability Rights Advocate

Marc Stanislas, Vice President of Finance, University of Vermont Health Network

### **Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Adjourn**

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