

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 9, 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*)

Executive Director's Report

Chair Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 am. Susan Barrett announced the agenda had been changed. The COVID Relief Funds Update and Continued FY21 Hospital Budget Deliberations agenda items were removed from the agenda. A Board Meeting was added to Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 1:00 pm with the agenda item Discussion Regarding Changes to the Primary Care Program for 2021.

FY21 Hospital Budget Deliberations

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

Patrick Rooney presented the updates to the system wide overview of the FY21 hospital budgets and reviewed the standard budget order conditions. Lori Perry reviewed the FY21 budget of Copley Hospital and the staff recommendations. Patrick Rooney reviewed the FY21 budget of Rutland Regional Medical Center and the staff recommendations. Lori Perry reviewed the FY21 budgets of Brattleboro Memorial Hospital and Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health Center and the staff recommendations. Lori Perry and Patrick Rooney reviewed the FY21 budget of Northwestern Medical Center and the staff recommendations. Patrick Rooney reviewed the FY21 budgets of Porter Medical Center, Central Vermont Medical Center, and University of Vermont Medical Center and the staff recommendations. The Board Members asked questions and had a discussion with the staff after each hospital was presented. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Board Member Tom Pelham proposed language to the Board to use in the hospital budget decisions. The proposed language can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. Board Member Robin Lunge moved to extend the FY21 hospital budget decisions deadline to COB September 25, 2020 with written orders following within two weeks of the Board votes on the last hospital, pursuant to the authority granted to the Board in Act 91 of 2020.

Public Comment

Marc Stanislas, Vice President of Finance, University of Vermont Health Network
Michael Del Trecco, Sr. Vice President of Finance & Operations, VAHHS
Hamilton Davis, Journalist and Policy Analyst
Dale Hackett, Health Care and Disability Rights Advocate

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from September 2, 2020.

Adjourn

Chair Mullin recessed the meeting until 1:00 pm.

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Discussion Regarding Changes to Primary Care Program for 2021

Victoria E. Loner, MHCDS, RN, CCM, CPUR, PAHM, Chief Executive Officer,
OneCare Vermont
Susan Ridzon, MS, Executive Director, Health First
Alena Berube, Director of Health Systems Policy, GMCB

Alena Berube presented the goals of the discussion, the background of the Comprehensive Payment Reform (CPR) pilot, Primary Care Payment Reform 2021, H.723, GMCB staff observations, and next steps. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. Victoria Loner presented the OneCare Vermont primary care investment opportunities and the summary can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website. Alena Berube and Victoria Loner discussed shared savings and the Board Members asked questions and had a discussion with Victoria Loner about the CPR model, outreach to primary care providers, financial modeling of the ACO, balancing accountability and scale, and the process of developing new programs. Susan Ridzon discussed the involvement of primary care in health care reform and the concerns Health First primary care providers have with the changes to the CPR model. Susan Ridzon, Victoria Loner, and the Board discussed reimbursement issues, viability, data collection, benchmarks, reports, self-service analytics, the timing of the payment flow, and underfunding of primary care. Victoria Loner and Susan Ridzon agreed to have a follow-up discussion together on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

Public Comment

Dale Hackett, Health Care and Disability Rights Advocate
Julie Wasserman
Hamilton Davis, Journalist and Policy Analyst
Richard (Mort) Wasserman, MD, MPH, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont
Rick Dooley, PA-C, Clinical Network Director, Health First

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 3:15 pm.