

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 5, 2022
1:00PM

Attendance

Owen Foster, Board Chair
Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director
Michael Barber, General Counsel
Jessica Holmes, PhD
Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS
David Murman, MD
Thom Walsh, PhD, MS, MSPT

Welcome & Introductions

Chair Foster called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00pm.

Chair Foster thanked the Rutland community for opening their sites to the GMCB Board that morning. He also thanked Rutland Regional Medical Center (RRMC) for hosting the GMCB Board Meeting.

Chair Foster provided a brief overview of the Green Mountain Care Board and each board member introduced themselves and shared reflections on their morning site visits to Rutland Community Health and Express Care, RRMC Westridge Center, RRMC Emergency Department, and Bridge Housing Units.

Executive Director's Report

There are several Open Public comment periods:

The Board is currently reviewing the five-year comprehensive 2023-2027 Vermont Health Information Exchange Strategic Plan and Connectivity Criteria for 2023. The staff presentation and GMCB which will occur in December, tentatively scheduled for December 7, 2022 or December 14, 2022.

One Care Vermont 2023 Budget: GMCB staff will present their analysis on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. Public comment can be by Friday, December 16, 2022, to be considered ahead of the GMCB vote, which will occur before the end of the year, tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, December 21, 2022. Potential next All Payer Model. On going comment period for potential All-Payer Model is posted on our [website](#). The Governor and AHS are leading those negotiations and all comments are shared on our [website](#).

Please visit the GMCB website's public comments section for more details and dates. You can submit your public comment to the GMCB Board and staff [here](#).

Thank you to the Rutland community for hosting us today. A special thanks to the representatives from the Rutland Community Health and RRMC who helped plan our visit today.

Minutes

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Board Meeting Minutes from November 28, 2022.

Presentations

a. Summary of 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment / 2022 Implementation Strategy Update

Jamie A. Bently, Community Impact Coordinator, RRMC

b. Rutland HSA Blueprint for Health Update

Merideth Drude, Community Health Improvement Manager

c. Rutland Community Collaborative Update

Andrea Wicher, Director of Population Health & Quality

d. Come Alive Outside – Overview/Mission/Partnerships and the Nature Rx

Arwen Turner, Executive Director

Myra Pepper, Program Director

Haley Rice, Program & Marketing Manager

Board Questions/Comments

Board Member Robin Lunge asked RRMC to elaborate on how shared care plans started and how they're accessed. RRMC and Rutland Community Health Collaborative explained the development and evolution of shared care plans and some of the challenges working across multiple organizations. Both RRMC and Rutland Health Service Area commented on the importance of ensuring the patient is aware they have a shared plan and works with them on who the plan can be shared with and how they are working to make the plans digitally accessible.

Board Chair Owen Foster inquired of the Rutland Community Collaborative (RCC) where they operate and how the community can find them. RCC explained they have an office in downtown Rutland as well as a presence on social media platforms. Rutland residents often hear about RCC through word of mouth, at other community events, seeing them work in the public school, and via the App Store where the public can find their Mile A Day app.

Board Member Jessica Holmes asked RRMC to keep the GMCB Board updated as they work to collect data that reflects their effort in addressing health equity.

Board Member Thom Walsh commented on the challenge of how to ask the right questions of patients to truly provide them with all options of care.

Vermont Health Care Advocate Michael Fisher asked Come Alive Outside (CAO) if what they've learned works is shared with other communities. CAO is careful to not attempt to override the work

other Vermont communities are engaged in and have reached out to them as well as other states to learn best practices and opportunities for improvement

Public Comment

Louis Meyers, a physician from South Burlington, inquired if GMCB was aware of [the recent article in VTDigger by Bill Schubart](#) regarding private equity investors buying health care entities. Chair Foster thanked Dr. Meyers for his comment and said he would read the article. Chair Foster reminded the meeting attendees GMCB does not regulate private equity investments and nursing homes are not in GMCB purview.

Ham Davis expressed concern about Vermont Medicare cost per capita and not hearing a discussion about quality of care.

State Representative Anne Donahue, Vice Chair of Vermont House Committee on Health Care, expressed concern about the lack of information regarding mental health crisis on the Right Care, Right Place info graphic shared by RCC. Rep. Donahue also encourage more discussion around initiatives to address the common concern of staffing at the Rutland health community organizations.

Robert Hoffman commented on Ham Davis's comment.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

Chair Foster again thanked RRMC and the Rutland community for hosting the Board and especially thanked Claudio Fort for his leadership at RRMC and to Judi Fox for stepping up in Claudio's place until a replacement is chosen.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:40 pm.