

**GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

*This meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.*

**Attendance**

*Board Members*

Owen Foster, JD, Board Chair

Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS

Thom Walsh, Ph.D, MS, MSPT

Dave Murman, MD

Jessica Foster, Ph.D

Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director

**Call to Order**

GMCB Board Chair Foster called the morning meeting to order at 10 am. Minutes from December 13<sup>th</sup> were approved unanimously.

**Presentations**

**Brattleboro Retreat FY2025 Budget Review – Staff Presentation**

Matt Sutter, Deputy Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB

Mark Hengstler, Staff Attorney, GMCB

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**Chair Foster made the following motion:**

*“Move to approve Brattleboro Retreat’s budget as follows:*

- 1. With FY25 NPR approved at a growth rate of not more than 0.75% over its FY24 approved budget;*
- 2. With FY25 overall change in charge and commercial negotiated rate increases approved at no more than 6.7% over current approved levels,*
- 3. Subject to the standard budget conditions previously approved by this Board, with changes and additions as described today.*

**Board Discussion**

**HCA Coment** – None

**Public Comment** - None

**The motion was approved 4-0 (Member Murman was not present for this vote.)**

### **Medicare Benchmark - Potential Vote**

Michele Degree, Health Policy Project Director, GMCB

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#### **Chair Foster made the following motion:**

*“I move to approve a Medicare Benchmark of the staff recommended maximum allowable trend rates of 4.0% for Non-ESRD and 7.0% for ESRD and to include the advance of the \$10,354,645 for the Blueprint for Health and SASH programs.”*

#### **Board Discussion**

**HCA Comment** - None

**Public Comment** - None

**The motion was approved 4-0 (Member Murman was not present for this vote.)**

### **FY25 OneCare Budget staff presentation- Deliberations/Potential Vote**

Michelle Sawyer, Health Policy Project Director, GMCB

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#### **Board Discussion**

Chair Foster made the following motion:

*“Incorporating this Board’s FY25 Risk Mitigation Decision and Order, I move to approve OneCare’s FY25 budget with the following modifications:*

*1. With a \$1,457,713 reduction to OneCare’s administrative budget. This sum shall be reallocated to the following types of providers in OneCare’s existing network:*

- 1. Independent Primary Care Practices*
- 2. Federally Qualified Health Centers*
- 3. Designated Agencies*
- 4. Home Health Agencies*
- 5. Agencies on Aging The method of distribution of these funds shall be at the discretion of the ACO.*

*2. With a requirement that hospital participation fees be adjusted at least once during 2025 to align with updates to OneCare’s projected FY25 expenditures.*

*3. Subject to the budget conditions presented today by GMCB staff.*

#### **Board Discussion**

Member Lunge made the following friendly amendment to the motion:

*“With a requirement that hospital participation fees be adjusted at least once during 2025 to align with reductions to OneCare’s projected FY25 expenditures.”*

**Both Chair Foster and Member Holmes accepted the friendly amendment.**

**HCA Comment**

**Public Comment**

Walter Carpenter

**Chair Foster called for a roll call vote.**

**Mark Hengstler conducted the roll call.**

Member Holmes – Yes

Member Lunge – Yes

Member Walsh – Yes

Chair Foster – Yes

(Member Murman was absent for this vote.)

**The motion was approved 4-0 (Member Murman was not present for this vote.)**

**AHEAD Update**

Brendan Krause, Director of Healthcare Reform, Agency of Human Services (AHS)

Sarah Rosenblum, Deputy Director of Healthcare Reform, AHS

Michele Degree, Health Policy Project Director, GMCB

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**Board Discussion**

**HCA Comment** – Mike Fisher

**Public Comment**

Walter Carpenter

**Adjourned** - The Board adjourned at 12:30 pm.