

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

These meetings were held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

MORNING SESSION (10:00AM)

Attendance

Board Members

Owen Foster, JD, Board Chair
Jessica Holmes, PhD
Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS
Thom Walsh, Ph.D, MS, MSPT
Dave Murman, MD
Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director

Call to Order

GMCB Board Chair Owen Foster called the meeting to order at 10:00am.
Minutes from the 02/14/2023 board meeting were approved.

Executive Director's Report – Public Comments continue to be accepted for the next potential All-Payer Model. We are also accepting public comment on our Hospital Budget Guidance Overview presented today as well as our Community Engagement and Act 167.

Reminder that there is no board meeting next week.

Presentations

Hospital Budget Review Overview 00:04:45
Alena Berube, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB

[Slides from this presentation can be found here.](#)

Board Discussion 00:39:20

Implementation of Act 119: Moving to a Statewide Minimum Standard for Hospital Free Care Policies 00:45:00
Emma Zavez, Consumer Research & Health Policy Analyst, Vermont Legal Aid
Mike Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

[Slides for this presentation can be found here.](#)

Board Discussion 01:09:50

Public Comment - None

Old Business - None

A recording of this meeting will be available on the [GMCB YouTube Channel](#).

New Business - None

The Board ended this session at 11:25am.

The board resumed the meeting at 1:00pm. This session has a separate 2-part video recording.

AFTERNOON SESSION

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Presentations

1. Cost Share Reduction Policy Update – Potential Update

00:02:50

Michael Barber, General Counsel, GMCB
Jacqueline Lee, FSA, Vice President & Principal, L&E
Kevin Ruggeberg, FSA, Vice President & Senior Consulting Actuary, L&E

[Slides from this presentation can be found here.](#)

(video part 1 of 2)

Board Discussion

00:04:50

MOTION: Member Lunge made a motion to approve the Revised Proposed Guidance and delegate authority to Mike Barber, GMCB General Counsel, to work with the actuaries (Lewis & Ellis) to do the requisite calculations and compose the guidance document. Chair Foster seconded the motion.

HCA Comment – Mike Fisher supports the Revised Proposal.

00:16:30

Public Comment – None

The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

2. Monthly AHEAD Model & Global Payment Development Update

00:19:00

Michele Degree, Health Policy Project Director, GMCB
Pat Jones, Interim Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

[Slides from this presentation can be found here.](#)

The Board took a break at 2:55pm and resumed the meeting at 3:05pm.

Board Discussion

02:24:12

Public Comment

(video part 2)

00:09:00

Julie Wasserman

Patrick Flood

Kim Fitzgerald, SASH

HCA Comment – Charles Beck

00:31:35

The Board voted unanimously to adjourned the meeting at 4:40pm