

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 08, 2023

1:00 PM

This meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Attendance

Board Members

Owen Foster, Board Chair

Jessica Holmes, PhD

Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS

David Murman, MD

Thom Walsh, PhD, MS, MSPT

Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director

Call to Order

GMCB Board Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 1pm.

Executive Director Report

Please notice the recently updated agenda for today. We moved a couple items around.

The Board continues to encourage the public to comment on a potential new All-Payer Model (APM) at any time so feedback can be considered by the All-Payer Model Signatories: the Governor's Office, the Agency of Human Services, and the Green Mountain Care Board.

Minutes

Board Members unanimously approved the minutes from Thursday, March 2, 2023.

Presentations

Springfield Hospital Update on FY23 Q1 Financial Performance

- a. Bob Adcock, CEO, Springfield Hospital
- b. Kayda Wescott, CFO, Springfield Hospital

[Springfield's slide presentation can be found our website.](#)

Board Discussion

- Days Cash on Hand
- Process Improvement
- Healthcare workforce educational programs
- In-Patient revenue
- Additional services that could be offered
- Data tracking patients seeking care out of state, trends
- Program areas down varying with in-patient numbers being down

Health Care Advocate (Sam Peisch)

- Difference between actual and budgeted regarding bad debt

Update: FY17 Enforcement Action regarding UVMHC Self Restricted Funds for Mental Health Capacity - Potential Vote

- a. Sarah Lindberg, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB
- b. Russ McCracken, Staff Attorney, GMCB

[Staff slides can be found on our website.](#)

Suggested Motion:

Move to modify the UVMHC FY17 enforcement action to permit the self-restricted funds to be used to increase capacity of mental health services in the state (not limited to inpatient capacity), and require UVMHCN to develop a proposal, in consultation with the Vermont Department of Mental Health, for planned use of those funds and submit the proposal to the GMCB by May 31, 2023.

Board Discussion

- Why flexibility is the best course of action
- Public comments were impactful and important
- Consultation with DMH
- Interest earned from invested funds
- We need to address the issue of ED boarding
- Board Member Thom Walsh not ready to vote this week. Member Walsh issued a call to action to revisit the care given to those suffering from mental health crises with DMH, DVHA, DAIL, DCF.
- Does the plan to use these funds come back to GMCB for approval.

Health Care Advocate (Sam Peisch and Eric Schulties)

- The public should be more involved,
- A motion should include clearer follow up guidelines and guardrails
- This is a very important issue, one that the Board should make a commitment to and should have hearings about, to show their solidarity on
- This motion still unclear about what the “consultation” with DMH means
- Board should look at enforcement

PUBLIC COMMENT

Walter Carpenter

Chair Foster would like to give this issue more consideration before voting. No motion was put forward. This issue will be added to the March 22, 2023 morning Board Meeting Agenda.

Cost Share Reduction Draft Policy

- a. Michael Barber, General Counsel, GMCB
- b. Lewis & Ellis Actuaries & Consultants

[L&E presentation slides can be found on our website.](#)

Board Discussion

Health Care Advocate (Eric Schulties)

- HCA thanks Michael Barber for keeping this moving forward.
- L&E memos are very informative and helpful.
- 2 recent articles by Donna Novak and Stan Dorn

Public Comment

None

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjourned

The Board unanimously approved a motion to adjourn at 3:22pm

A recording of this meeting will be available on the [ORCA Media website](#).