

# GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

1:00 PM

*This meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.*

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

### Attendance

#### *Board Members Present*

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

### Call to Order

00:02:12

GMCB Board Chair Owen Foster called the meeting to order at 1:00pm.

Minutes from the 03/20/2023 board meeting were approved 4-0. Member Walsh abstained. He was not at the meeting last week.

No Copley Budget Modification presentation today.

### Executive Director's Report

00:02:45

Monday, April 1, 2024 the Board will hold an Executive Session to discuss the AHEAD Model from 9am-12pm. The Data Governance Council meeting for April 2<sup>nd</sup> is cancelled.

[Public Comments](#) are currently being accepted on:

- Copley's Mid-Year Budget Modification Request until Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>.
- GMCB Rate Review Guidance on the Assessment of Affordability in the Review of Rates until Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- On-going - Act 167's Community Engagement for Hospital Sustainability
- On-going - State's potential future All-Payer/AHEAD Model

### Presentations

#### **FY25 Hospital Budget Guidance – Potential Vote**

00:05:20

Alena Berube, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB  
Matt Sutter, Deputy Director of Health System Finance, GMCB  
Russ McCracken, Staff Attorney, GMCB

[Draft FY25 Hospital Budget Guidance can be found here.](#)

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

#### **Board Discussion**

00:18:30

#### **HCA Comment**

00:43:16

Eric Schultheis

**Public Comment**

00:47:40

Walter Carpenter  
Michael Del Trecco, VAHHS  
Marc Stanislas, UVMHN  
Patrick Rooney, VAHHS

**Board Chair Foster made the following motion.**

01:19:00

**MOTION:** *I move, consistent with the edits as discussed today, that the Green Mountain Care Board approve and adopt the FY25 Hospital Budget Guidance as presented by GMCB staff, which includes benchmarks for NPR growth at no more than 3.5% over FY24 budget, commercial rate growth overall and for each payer at no more than 3.4% over FY24 approved rates, and operating margin greater than 0%, in each case as presented by GMCB staff and reflected in the FY25 Guidance. The FY25 Guidance shall be effective as of March 31, 2024, and the GMCB Director of Health Systems Finance is authorized to finalize and issue the guidance on or before that date.*

**The motion was seconded by Member Walsh and carried unanimously.**

**OneCare Vermont FY24 Budget Benchmark Extension Request – Potential Vote**

01:22:20

Michelle Sawyer, Health Policy Project Director, GMCB

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

**Board Discussion**

01:26:10

Board supports the motion language as presented.

**MOTION:** Chair Foster made the following motion: *I move that the GMCB approve OneCare Vermont's request(s):*

- 1) *Regarding Condition 1(f): extend the deadline for OneCare to submit its updated benchmarking report from March 31, 2024 to April 30, 2024.*
- 2) *Regarding Condition 1(e)(i): extend the deadline for OneCare to submit its statistical significance analysis from March 31, 2024 to the deadline set for the second semi-annual benchmarking report, as stated in the ACO Reporting Manual.*

Member Lunge seconded the motion.

**HCA Comment** - None

**Public Comment** - None

**The motion carried unanimously.**

01:28:00

**Old Business** - None

**New Business** - None

**Adjourn** - The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 2:27pm.