

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 5, 2023

1:00 PM

This meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Attendance

Board Members

Owen Foster, JD, 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 1:05 pm.

Executive Director Report

We opened a new special public comment period for OneCare Vermont's Revised FY23 Budget Submission. The budget revision was received on March 31, 2023 and materials [our website](#). The Board is accepting public comment on OCV's revised budget now through April 28, 2023.

The Board continues to encourage the public to comment on a potential new All-Payer Model (APM) with our federal partners. Comments received are shared with the Governor's Office and the Agency of Human Services who lead this work.

Minutes

Board Members unanimously approved the board meeting minutes from Wednesday, March 29, 2023.

Presentations

MVP Non-Standard QHP Plan Review and Approval – Potential Vote

- a. Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney, GMCB
- b. Christine Smith, Product Manager, Commercial Product Strategy and Design, MVP Health Care
- c. Christopher Pontiff, Actuary, MVP Health Care

Slides from this presentation can be found on [our website](#).

Board Discussion

Health Care Advocate

Eric Schultheis

Public Comment

Walter Carpenter

Chair Foster made the motion and Member Holmes seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: *move to approve the proposed changes to MVP's rate design for its*

- *VT Non-Standard Silver 1*
- *VT Non-Standard Silver 1 CSR 73*
- *VT Non-Standard Bronze 5 plans*

as presented here today under the Column "2024 –Proposed" on slides 12, 13, and 14, respectively.

Roundtable Discussion: *Hospital Prices in the US: Why Are they High, Why do They Vary, and Why Do They Grow?*

Presenter: Zack Cooper, Associate Professor of Public Health and Economics, Yale University

Zack Cooper serves as Director of Health Policy at Yale's Institution for Social and Policy Studies. Professor Cooper is a health economist whose work is focused on producing data-driven scholarship that can inform public policy. In his academic work, he has analyzed the impact of competition in hospital and insurance markets, studied the influence of price transparency on consumer behavior, investigated the causes of surprise out-of-network bills, and examined the influence of electoral politics on health care spending growth. Cooper has published his research in leading economics and medical journals including the Quarterly Journal of Economics and the New England Journal of Medicine. He has also presented his research at the White House, the Department of Justice, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Department of Health and Human Services.

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Board Discussion

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CON Monetary Jurisdictional Thresholds

a. Michael Barber, General Counsel, GMCB

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Board Discussion

A few Board members approved the changes as explained, but would like to consider automating increasing with CPI-U.

Health Care Advocate

No comment.

Public Comment

None

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjourned

The Board unanimously approved a motion to adjourn at 3:48 pm.

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