

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 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 pm.

Executive Director Report

A special public comment period for:

- Increase in CON Dollar Thresholds
- OneCare Vermont's Revised FY23 Budget Submission is open. The OCV FY23 Budget Revision was received on March 31, 2023 and materials can be found on [our website](#) through April 28, 2023.
- 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, April 5, 2023.

Presentations

CON Monetary Jurisdictional Thresholds

- a. Michael Barber, General Counsel, GMCB

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

Board Discussion

Health Care Advocate

None

Public Comment

None

MOTION: *Move to increase the monetary thresholds for certificate of need jurisdiction to be 20% greater than the amounts specified in 18 V.S.A. §9434(a)-(c).*

Member Lunge made the motion. Member Holmes seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

MOTION: *Move to modify the monetary thresholds for certificate of need jurisdiction specified in 18 V.S.A. §9434(a)-(c) by February 1st of each year to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers, US City Average, All Items since July 2018, rounded down to nearest ten thousand dollars after a period of notice and public comment as specified by the GMCB general counsel.*

Member Lunge made the motion. Member Holmes seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Roundtable Discussion: *Does Health Care Consolidation Improve or Imperil US Health Care?*

Presenter: Chris Whaley, RAND Corporation

Christopher M. Whaley is a health economist at the RAND Corporation and professor at the RAND Pardee Graduate School. His research focuses on health care price transparency and market structure and has been published in clinical, health policy, and economics journals. Whaley's research has also been covered in the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal, Forbes, and CNN. He has presented results to state and federal policymakers, including the California State Assembly, the Congressional Budget Office, and the Federal Trade Commission. Whaley received his Ph.D. in health economics from the University of California, Berkeley.

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

Board Discussion

Health Care Advocate

Sam Peisch

Public Comment

Michael Del Trecco (VAHHS)

Ham Davis

Walter Carpenter

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjourned

The Board unanimously approved a motion to adjourn at 2:51 pm.

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