

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 19, 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:

- 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.

Primary Care Advisory Group Meeting is tonight at 5pm via Teams.

No Board Meeting next week.

Minutes

Board Members unanimously approved the board meeting minutes from Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

Presentations

Roundtable Discussion: *Sustainability of Primary Care in Vermont*

Panelists

- John King, MD (UVM Health, GMCB Primary Care Advisory Group)
- Fay Homan, MD (Family Practice Little Rivers Health Center, GMCB Primary Care Advisory Group Member)
- Eileen Murphy, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC (Practicing Primary Care Nurse Practitioner, GMCB Primary Care Advisory Group Member)
- Rick Dooley, PA (Practicing Primary Care Physician Assistant and HealthFirst)
- Jessa Barnard (VMS)
- Julie Wasserman (Independent Health Policy Consultant)
- Mark Hage (Vermont NEA)
- Mary Kate Mohlman (Bi-State Primary Care Association)

- Susan Ridzon (HealthFirst)
- Patrick Flood (Healthcare Consumer and VT Health Care leader)
- Mike Fisher (Health Care Advocate)

PCP Landscape And Sustainability

Rick Dooley provided an explanation of the overwhelming demands (pts, paperwork, administrative burden, etc).

Jessa Barnard and Eileen Murphy share the demographics of PCP/RN numbers in Vermont.

Susan Ridzon spoke to the challenges at primary care practices: financial, workforce, reimbursements, rate increases.

Mike Fisher addressed the consumer concerns about finding a PCP, access to that PCP, and the impacts of not having a PCP.

PCP Impact On Healthcare System

Fay Homan, Eileen Murphy, Mary Kate Mohlman, and Dr John King spoke about the impacts of primary care on the healthcare system: improving the health of the population, lower cost, alleviating burden on hospitals,

Eileen shared the many things PCPs/RNs can do in the primary care office.

Regulatory Solutions/Ideas

Patrick Flood, Julie Wasserman, Jessa Barnard, Mary Kate Mohlman, and Mike Hage shared their recommendations to the issues facing primary care in Vermont. Their recommendations can be found [here](#).

AHS Presentation: *Health Care Workforce Development Strategic Plan Update*

- a. Laura Wreschnig, PhD, Health Services Researcher, Agency of Human Services
- b. Wendy Trafton, MPH, Deputy Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services

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

Board Discussion

Health Care Advocate

Public Comment

Eileen Murphy

Jon Asselin, COO Primary Care Health Partners

Walter Carpenter

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjourned

The Board unanimously approved a motion to adjourn at 4:00 pm.

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