

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 29, 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

Thom Walsh, Ph.D, MS, MSPT

Call to Order

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

Susan Barrett provided the Executive Director's Report

We have three public comment periods open at this time.

1. The Board is accepting public comment on proposed revisions to the reporting manual for Vermont's All-Payer Claims Database, the Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System (VHCURES), through May 31, 2024. The proposed revised draft can be accessed [here](#).
2. We continue to accept public comment on our Act 167 Community Engagement work
3. Public comments continue to be accepted on the next potential All-Payer Model/AHEAD Model.

Presentations

(video timestamp)

Draft Guidance on the Assessment of Affordability in the Review of Rates

00:07:40

Michael Barber, General Counsel, GMCB

Revised draft document can be found [here](#).

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

Board Discussion

00:32:53

Public Comment

00:41:40

Ham Davis

Sara Teachout, BlueCross BlueShield of Vermont

Walter Carpenter

HCA Comment

Eric Schultheis

Mike Fisher

The Board took a short break at 2:16pm and resumed at 2:22pm.

AHEAD / Global Payment Design Update

01:24:11

Alena Berube, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB
Sule Gerovich, Senior Research Fellow, Mathematica

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

Staff Clarification: Submission of a Vermont-specific Medicare Global Budget Specification, consistent with the methods paper; **Board vote by June 1, 2024 for submission by July 1, 2024. Board votes on participation in the AHEAD model by June 30, 2025.**

Board Discussion occurred throughout this presentation.

Public Comment

02:19:00

Michael DelTrecco, VAHHS
Ham Davis

Motion #1: Chair Foster made the following motion. Member Lunge seconded. The motion was approved 4-0. Member Walsh was not present in this meeting.

I move we find that premature general public knowledge regarding negotiation of Medicare total cost of care target and the hospital global budget proposals would clearly place the Board at a substantial disadvantage in future negotiations of contracts with CMS that includes those items.

Motion #2: Chair Foster made the following motion. Member Lunge seconded. The motion was approved 4-0. Member Walsh was not present in this meeting.

I move that we enter into executive session to consider negotiation of Medicare total cost of care target and the hospital global budget proposals under the provisions of 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1)(A) of the Vermont Statutes. Attendance at the executive session will be the Board members, Board staff working on the agreement with CMS, Board contractors from Mathematica working with the Board on the agreement, and the State's Director of Health Care Reform and other staff from the Agency of Human Services working on the agreement.

The Board moved to Executive Session at 3:31 pm.

*The Board returned to the public meeting at 4:00pm.
(00:19:40 in part 2 of the video recording)*

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjourn - The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 pm.