

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 17, 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

The Board will be conducting an in-person Board meeting in Morrisville VT on June 7 to meet with providers. We are looking forward to hearing from local providers and businesses on ways we contain costs and improve access to high quality care. Please see more details on the traveling board meeting on what's new on our website!

Recent Rate Review Decision: On May 11, 2023, the Board issued its decision and order approving modifications to the BlueCross BlueShield of Vermont Large Group rate filing. The decision and order are posted on the GMCB website on the 'What's New' page and on the filing page on our rate review website.

Public comments:

The GMCB received OneCare Vermont's FY23 revised budget submission on March 31, 2023. Materials are posted on the OneCare Vermont (OCV) FY23 Materials page, and the Board is accepting public comment on OCV's revised budget now through May 24, 2023.

Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL) submitted their Fiscal Year 2024 budget to the Green Mountain Care Board for review on May 11, 2023. GMCB is accepting public comment from May 17-29, 2023.

Ongoing acceptance of any comments regarding a potential next All-Payer Model

Links to materials for these comments can be found on the GMCB website under Public Comment.

Minutes

Board Members unanimously approved the board meeting minutes from Friday, May 5, 2023.

Presentations

VITL FY24 Budget Presentation and Quarterly Report (begins @ approx. 4:45 in recording)

- a. Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL) presenters: Beth Anderson, Maurine Gilbert, Kristina Choquette, Sue Fritz, Robert Turnau.

Board Discussion

(begins @ approx. 46:25 in recording)

VITL HIE Plan Update Presentation (begins @ approx. 1:14:09 in recording)

- b. Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL) presenters: Beth Anderson, Maurine Gilbert, Kristina Choquette, Sue Fritz, Robert Turnau.

Slides from both presentations can be found on [our website](#).

Board Discussion

(begins @ approx. 1:21:12 in recording)

Health Care Advocate

Eric Schultheis

Public Comment

Ham Davis

Walter Carpenter

VAHHS Request for Reconsideration of FY24 Hospital Budget Guidance – Potential Vote

(begins @ approx. 1:35:28 in recording)

- a. Sarah Lindberg, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB
Russ McCracken, Staff Attorney, GMCB

VAHHS Letter to GMCB can be found on [our website](#).

Board Discussion

(begins @ approx. 1:40:00 in recording)

Health Care Advocate

Sam Peisch – stands by the approved Hospital Budget Guidance

Mike Fisher

Public Comment

Sharon Gutwin

Ham Davis

Michael DelTrecco, President, VAHHS

Shawn Tester, CEO, NVRH

Walter Carpenter

Peter Wright, CEO, Northwestern Medical Center

One Care Vermont Revised FY23 Budget – GMCB Staff Presentation – Potential Vote
(begins @ approx. 2:07:00 in recording)

- a. Michelle Sawyer, Health Policy Project Director, GMCB
Marisa Melamed, Associate Director of Health Systems Policy, GMCB
Russ McCracken, Staff Attorney, GMCB

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

Board Discussion

(begins @ approx. 2:25:05 in recording)

Health Care Advocate

Sam Peisch

Public Comment

None

Board Chair Owen Foster moved *that the Board hereby determine that OneCare's FY23 performance has varied substantially from its FY23 budget as approved by the Board with respect to the areas of the budget listed on Slides 14-16, which were included in OneCare's revised FY23 budget and which OneCare presented to the GMCB. OneCare should correct this deficiency by requesting the GMCB amend its approval of OneCare's FY23 budget. This determination shall be summarized in a letter and sent to OneCare from the GMCB.*

Board Member Robin Lunge seconded.

The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjourned

The Board unanimously approved a motion to adjourn at 3:36 pm.

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