

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 22, 2024

10:00 AM and 1:00 PM

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 10:05 am.

00:09:03

Minutes from May 15, 2024, were approved unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

00:09:50

Susan Barrett provided an update on our public comment periods as outlined on our website.

- The Board is accepting public comment on the UVMHC Outpatient Surgery Center Certificate of Need application **until noon on Thursday, May 30, 2024**. All comments can be submitted via our Public Comment Form.
- 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](#).
- The first round of meetings for [community engagement to support hospital transformation](#) wrapped up in November 2023. A second round of in-person meetings is planned for spring 2024. To receive an email when the schedule is posted, please [sign up here](#). The Board continues to accept public comment on this work.
- The Board continues to encourage its advisory committees and the public to provide written comment to inform a potential future All-Payer Model Agreement with the State of Vermont (Governor, AHS, and GMCB) and CMS. Comments can be submitted at any time and are shared with the All-Payer Model Signatories: the Governor's Office, the Agency of Human Services, and the Green Mountain Care Board.

Presentations

(video timestamp)

Amendment to OneCare's FY24 Budget Order - Potential Vote

00:11:10

Michelle Sawyer, Health Policy Project Director, GMCB

Matthew Sutter, Deputy Director, Health Systems Finances, GMCB

Mark Hengstler, Staff Attorney, GMCB

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

OneCare Vermont (OCV) was invited to provide comment before Board Discussion.

Tom Borys, CFO, OneCare Vermont

00:24:15

*This meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.
A recording of this meeting will be available on the [GMCB YouTube Channel](#).*

Abe Berman, CEO, OneCare Vermont
Aaron Perry, General Counsel, OneCare Vermont

Board Discussion

00:28:50

Chair Foster acknowledged we have a potential vote next week and invited all parties to provide additional written comment in the meantime.

FY25 OneCare Budget Guidance staff presentation - Potential Vote

00:46:05

Michelle Sawyer, Health Policy Project Director, GMCB
Matthew Sutter, Deputy Director, Health Systems Finances, GMCB
Mark Hengstler, Staff Attorney, GMCB

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

Board Discussion

01:08:45

Public Comment

01:18:50

Tom Borys, CFO, OCV
Ham Davis

HCA Comment

Sam Peisch

01:19:14

The morning Board Meeting adjourned at 11:29am.

The afternoon Board Meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

Panel Discussion

00:05:55

Value Based Care and Considerations for Advancing Payment and Delivery System Reform in Vermont

Alena Berube, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB

Carrie Colla, Ph.D., Professor, The Dartmouth Institute

00:06:00

Bruce H. Hamory, MD FACP, OliverWyman

00:16:50

[slides from Bruce's presentation](#)

Janice Walters, Executive Director, Rural Health Redesign Center

00:32:40

[presentation notes](#)

William Henderson, Deputy Director- Medical Economics/Data Analysis

00:50:30

Robert Murray, President, Global Health Payment LLC

01:07:30

[slides from Robert's presentation](#)

Board Discussion

01:24:00

Public Comment

Dale Hackett

02:21:20

Ham Davis

02:25:49

Eric Schulteis

02:30:30

*This meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams.
A recording of this meeting will be available on the [GMCB YouTube Channel](#).*

Walter Carpenter
Robert Hoffman

02:34:00
02:36:30

Vermont Medicare Hospital Global Payment Design Update

02:49:50

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

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

Board Discussion

Board Members discussed the following proposal:

The Board could establish principles for negotiating a Vermont-specific Medicare Hospital Global Payment, within the broader context of State health care reform strategies and regulation, delegating to [TITLE] the submission of a DRAFT (non-binding) Vermont-specific Medicare Hospital Global Payment methodology/specification, consistent with those principles.

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Adjourn - The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm.

00:23:55 (pt2)