

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)

Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 28, 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

Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director

Michael Barber, JD, General Counsel

Call to Order

GMCB Board Chair Foster called the meeting to order at 1pm. The agenda includes a GMCB Staff presentation on the ACO FY24 Budget Guidance. That presentation is postponed until GMCB hears back from OneCare regarding GMCB's request for information relating to OneCare Executive Compensation.

Executive Director Report

Scheduling:

No Board meeting on July 5.

Public Comment:

We've extended the public comment period for One Care VT FY 24 Budget and certification guidance until July 11 at noon. We are also accepting comments from the public on the next Vermont All Payer Model agreement with the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation or CMMI. Any comments we receive will be shared with Vermont's Agency of Human Services and the Governor's office as they are leading the negotiations with CMMI.

You can find more information about the GMCB and ways to comment at gmcboard.vermont.gov.

On May 31, UVMHN sent us their proposal for the re-investment of (\$18 million) in mental health programs. The Board and staff have reviewed the submission and the finance team are now developing a monitoring plan. I want to thank the Department of Mental Health for their collaboration and guidance to UVMHN on this project. In addition, the Vermont Psychiatric Survivors and the Vermont Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance of Mental Illness) provided letters of support for the UVMHN mental health plan. These letters and associated materials on the mental health plan are located on our website under hospital budgets then go to the enforcement actions tab.

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. The Vermont Health Care Advocate is unable to join this meeting.

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

Minutes

Board meeting minutes from June 21, 2023 were unanimously approved.

Presentations

Update on Evolution of GMCB's Hospital Budget Review Process

Thomas W. Rees, Rees Partners, LLC

Sarah Lindberg, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB

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

Board Discussion

Public Comment

Ham Davis

Michael DeTrecco, President and CEO, VAHHS

All-Payer Model Update from Agency of Human Services

Pat Jones, Interim Director of Health Care Reform, AHS

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

Board Discussion

Public Comment

Michael DelTrecco, President and CEO, VAHHS

Walter Carpenter

Sara Teachout

GMCB Board Meeting took a break from 2:40 – 2:50pm.

Update on Hospital Sustainability and Global Payment Model Development

Sarah Kinsler, Director of Health Systems Policy, GMCB

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Board Discussion

Public Comment

Robert Hoffman

Ham Davis

Walter Carpenter

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Medicare-Only Budget Guidance - Potential Vote

Julia Boles, Health Policy Advisor, GMCB

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

Board Discussion

Public Comment

None

MOTION: *Move to approve the FY24 Medicare-only ACO budget guidance as presented by staff to the GMCB during today's meeting.*

Motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business – Robin Lunge will provide comments to be added to the ACO webpage for public and fellow board members to review.

New Business - None

Adjourned - The Board approved a motion to adjourn at 3:55 pm.