

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 10, 2021
1:00 pm

Attendance

Kevin J. Mullin, Chair (*via Microsoft Teams*)
Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director (*via Microsoft Teams*)
Michael Barber, General Counsel (*via Microsoft Teams*)
Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS (*via Microsoft Teams*)
Maureen Usifer (*via Microsoft Teams*)
Jessica Holmes, PhD (*via Microsoft Teams*)
Tom Pelham (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Executive Director's Report

Chair Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced the GMCB 2020 Annual Report will be presented to the Board at the February 24, 2021 Board Meeting. [The General Advisory Group meeting was Monday, February 8, 2021 and the materials can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#) Sarah Lindberg, Director of Health Systems Data Analytics, is going to present to the House Committee on Health Care about requesting race and ethnicity data in claim submissions.

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from February 3, 2021.

Qualified Health Plan (QHP) Standard Plan Design – Potential Vote

Dana Houlihan, Plan Management Director, Department of Vermont Health Access
Adaline Strumolo, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Vermont Health Access

Dana Houlihan presented [the 2021 on-exchange enrollment report for the Qualified Health Plans](#) including the enrollment number in plans from 2020 to 2021 by metal level and the changes in terms of a percentage. There has been a decrease in enrollment since last year which is attributed to Covid-19, unemployment, and the increase in Medicaid enrollment. The biggest decrease in enrollment by metal level was in the Silver Plans, attributed to Silver Loading (with an increase in subsidy some consumers can choose a low-cost Bronze Plan and some can choose a Gold Plan with a small premium difference depending on their expected utilization). Chair Mullin asked Dana Houlihan about how DVHA communicates plan differences to the public.

Board Member Robin Lunge moved to approve the change in the deductible for the Bronze Plan without prescription drug limit and approve the change in pediatric vision benefits to align cost sharing across all standard plans and metal levels, for the 2022 Standard QHP Designs. Board Member Maureen Usifer seconded the motion. Board Member Tom Pelham discussed the

percentage increases in the plans, the cost shift, the progress on the benchmark plan and premium cliff, and reform activities. The Board voted (4-1) by roll call to approve the motion, with Board Member Tom Pelham voting no.

Public Comment

None

VITL Quarterly Update and Mid-Year Budget Forecast

Beth Anderson, President & CEO, VITL
Carolyn Stone, Operations Director, VITL
Maurine Gilbert, Client Engagement Director, VITL
Bob Turnau, Chief Financial Officer, VITL
Christopher Shenk, Information Technology Director, VITL

Beth Anderson presented the CY 2020 highlights, the CY 2021 contract with DVHA, the CY 2021 development deliverables in the contract, and the CY 2021 VITL projects. Board Member Maureen Usifer asked Beth Anderson about what VITL learned from responding to Covid-19 and the cyberattack on UVM. Carolyn Stone presented an update on the collaborative services project and the work VITL is doing to support the State with Covid-19. Board Members asked the presenters questions about how collaborative services are being impacted by delays and about the work with onboarding EMS teams across Vermont. Maurine Gilbert presented the client engagement update which included the 2020 Annual Report, consent work, and the progress on the sensitive data sharing project.

Bob Turnau presented the FY 2021 budget update which included the FY 2021 forecast assumptions, risks, state funding by calendar year, comparison of the CY21 and CY20 contracts, revenue summary, FY21 projected revenue, expenses, FY21 forecasted expenses, staffing, consulting/contract labor, and balance sheet by year. The Board Members asked Bob Turnau questions about the impact of Covid-19 relief work on the implementation of the new data platform and the balance of hiring full-time staff and consultants. Christopher Shenk presented the continuous VHIE security enhancements. Maurine Gilbert presented the quarterly update including the percent of Vermont patients opted out of the VHIE, the VITL access queries, results delivery, and meaningful use and security risk assessment consultation. Carolyn Stone presented the interfaces and connectivity criteria. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#)

Public Comment

Richard (Mort) Wasserman, MD, MPH, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont
Rick Dooley, PA-C, Clinical Network Director, Health First

Update on Potential ACO Rule Revision

Michael Barber, General Counsel, GMCB

Michael Barber presented an update on the ACO oversight rule, which includes ACO certification, budget review, monitoring, and reporting. When the rule was originally drafted, ACO regulation was a new duty of the Board. Since then, changes that need to be made have become clear such as the timing of the budget review process. During the FY21 budget process, the Board discussed executive compensations for ACOs and asked Michael Barber to incorporate that into the rule revision work and report back to the Board. Michael Barber said that the staff is approximately two weeks away from a draft that would be ready to share with stakeholders. Stakeholder feedback would be incorporated into the final draft that would be ready to present to the Board in approximately one month.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 2:35 pm.