

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 31, 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 agenda for the meeting was changed, with the VITL Budget Guidance first and the 2019 All-Payer Model Update: Quality and TCOC second. [The April Board Meeting schedule can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#) The Board is continuing to accept public comment to inform a potential new agreement with the State of Vermont and CMS, which will be shared with the other All-Payer Model signatories.

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from March 24, 2021.

VITL Budget Guidance

Sarah Kinsler, Director of Strategy and Operations, GMCB

Sarah Kinsler presented the draft annual budget guidance of Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL). The goal of the draft guidance is to provide clarity about the regulatory timeline of the budget review including contents of the budget packet, monitoring activities including quarterly updates and mid-year budget updates, and the Board's principles for review. The guidance is meant to be non-year specific but allows for flexibility. The draft guidance includes an introduction, budget submission requirements, and reporting requirements. The Board Members discussed agreement with the budget guidance. Sarah Kinsler discussed the next steps including a special comment period posted on the GMCB website and a potential Board vote on April 14, 2021. [The draft budget guidance can be viewed here on the GMCB website.](#)

Public Comment

None

2019 All-Payer Model Update: Quality and TCOC

Michele Degree, Health Policy Advisor, GMCB
Lindsay Kill, Healthcare Data and Statistical Analyst, GMCB

Michele Degree explained that the results to be discussed are focused on 2019, the second year of the All-Payer Model Agreement (APM). Lindsay Kill reviewed the scale of the APM which is the eligible population to be measured in the agreement, scale by payer type over time, and items to know about scale. Lindsay Kill presented the financial results for PY2 including the expenditure measures, Total Cost of Care (TCOC) versus population by payer type, the TCOC growth for the model overall, the TCOC by payer type and by Accountable Care Organization (ACO) alignment, the state's regulatory control by insured groups, key takeaways, and items to note in the future.

Michele Degree presented the 2019 Statewide Quality & Population Health Outcomes, including the considerations, population-level health outcomes targets, health care delivery system quality targets, process milestones, key takeaways, items to note in the future, and upcoming APM reporting. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#) The Board Members had a discussion and asked the GMCB staff questions regarding concerns about increased drug overdose due to the pandemic, expenses included in the APM TCOC versus OneCare Vermont's (OCV's) TCOC, Medicaid's contract with OCV, more clarification on slide 16 regarding BCBSVT and MVP's participation in the ACO, the report contracted with Mathematica, how to learn from the primary care prevention data, the percentage of Medicare included in scale, the benchmark plan, Fixed Prospective Payments (FPP), caution against making comparisons with only two years of data, and the potential unfavorable impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Public Comment

Richard (Mort) Wasserman, MD, MPH, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont
Walter Carpenter, Health Care Advocate
Hamilton Davis, Journalist and Policy Analyst
Richard Slusky, Owner, Slusky Consulting
Eric Schultheis, Staff Attorney, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 2:30 pm.