

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 19, 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 a Primary Care Advisory Group meeting with be held at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, May 19, 2021. 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. Chair Mullin explained how to provide public comment during the Board Meetings. After each agenda item Chair Mullin asks for verbal public comment. [You can also submit public comment in writing here on the GMCB website.](#)

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from April May 12, 2021.

Support and Services at Home (SASH) Presentation

Kim Fitzgerald, CEO, Cathedral Square, SASH
Melissa Southwick, SASH Director, Cathedral Square

Kim Fitzgerald introduced herself and Melissa Southwick and shared a short video about SASH. Cathedral Square created SASH in 2009 and SASH was added to the Blueprint for Health in 2011. RTI evaluations have shown that SASH reduces the growth in Medicare expenditures as compared to other Vermont residents living in similar situations based on claims data. Kim Fitzgerald reviewed the top three chronic conditions among SASH participants, the history of SASH funding, and future funding concerns. Melissa Southwick reviewed SASH's Covid-19 response, the use of technology for residents, the mental health pilot, how SASH works with participants to lower blood pressure over time, how SASH participants show a significant decline in ER use, and the areas that SASH would like to expand. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#) The Board Members had a discussion and asked the presenters questions regarding SASH's total funding, leveraging data to show SASH's value, participants' insurance,

how SASH and the Blueprint for Health are included in the All-Payer Model, and prioritization of potential funding by project and geographical region.

Public Comment

None

FY 2021 Vermont Hospital Budgets Provider Transfers – Potential Vote

Russ McCracken, Staff Attorney, GMCB
Lori Perry, Health Finance Analytics Director, GMCB
Patrick Rooney, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB

Patrick Rooney reviewed the process of budget amendments and adjustments policy for hospital budgets including changes for provider transfers. On February 22, 2021, the Board was informed of provider transfers schedules to Central Vermont Medical Center (CVMC) from the University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMC). The justification for the provider transfers was to continue providing low cost 340B drug benefits for the practice patients without a gap in coverage. Patrick Rooney presented the financial break down of the transfers, the staff recommendations, and potential motion language. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#) The Board Members discussed their agreement with the provider transfers as laid out by GMCB staff and how the transfers will be reflected in the FY21 budgets. Board Member Lunge moved to acknowledge the provider transfers from UVMC to CVMC, which were effective at the end of FY20, and not reflected in those hospitals' approved FY21 budgets, and to instruct UVMC and CVMC to include the appropriate adjustments to their FY21 budgets to reflect the provider transfers when submitting their FY22 budgets in order to establish their FY21 adjusted baseline budget. Board Member Pelham seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

Public Comment

Dale Hackett, Health Care and Disability Rights Advocate

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 1:50 pm.