

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 9, 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 p.m. Susan Barrett announced GMCB staff presented [the 2021 Legislative session summary](#) to the Primary Care Advisory Group and the General Advisory Committee. The Primary Care Advisory Group is meeting again on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, at 5:00 pm. [The Board has several open special comment periods which 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 June 2, 2021.

**Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL) Budget Presentation and Quarterly Update**

Beth Anderson, President & CEO, VITL  
Bob Turnau, Chief Financial Officer, VITL  
Carolyn Stone, Director of Operations, VITL  
Maurine Gilbert, Director of Client Engagement, VITL  
Frank Harris, Strategic Technology Advisor, VITL

Sarah Kinsler, Director of Health Systems Policy, GMCB, explained per the guidance approved on April 14, 2021, the Board will review VITL's budget annually. On June 23, 2021, Sarah Kinsler will provide GMCB staff recommendations for the Board's potential vote. There is a special comment period June 9, 2021 through June 18, 2021.

Beth Anderson provided an overview of VITL's FY21 achievements, the CY21 contract changes, anticipated CY22 projects, the FY22 budget, and the FY22 challenges. The Board Members asked Beth Anderson questions regarding the impact of fees and timing on providers,

Medicaid claims and the Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System (VHCURES), Covid-19 adjustments in contracts, and the relative cost of assisting with the issues from the cyber-attack in 2020.

Bob Turnau presented the FY22 budget request including: the FY21 year-end forecast, the FY22 budget assumptions, state funding by year, FY22 revenue, FY22 projected revenue, FY22 expenses, staffing and FY22 personnel costs, indirect rates, and balance sheet assets by year. The Board Members asked Bob Turnau and Beth Anderson questions regarding underspending in FY21 carrying forward to FY22, consultant expenses, unrestricted net assets, and the Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) funding through contracts.

Carolyn Stone reviewed VITL's supporting work to the State's pandemic response and provided an update on the MedicaSoft Platform Implementation. The Board Members asked Carolyn Stone and Maureen Gilbert questions regarding the BluePrint for Health data extract and the implementation of the provider portal.

Maureen Gilbert gave an update on VITL's continuing work on consent education and the sensitive data sharing project changes. Board Member Pelham asked Maurine Gilbert and Beth Anderson about the integration of consent and social determinants of health. Frank Harris gave an update on VITL's security enhancements. Maurine Gilbert presented the quarterly report and Carolyn Stone reviewed the interfaces, connectivity criteria, and the meaningful use and security risk assessment consultation. Board Member Pelham asked about areas of potential growth for queries and results. [The presentation can be seen here](#) and [the FY22 budget submission can be seen here](#) on the GMCB website.

### **Public Comment**

Hamilton Davis, Journalist and Policy Analyst  
Richard (Mort) Wasserman, MD, MPH, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont

### **FY 2022 Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Budget Guidance Presentation**

Marisa Melamed, Associate Director of Health Care Policy, GMCB  
Sarah Tewksbury, Health Policy Analyst, GMCB

Marisa Melamed reviewed the guiding priorities for staff, the continued goals and considerations for the FY22 ACO oversight process, the GMCB's statutory authority, and an outline of the documents and workbook. Sarah Tewksbury reviewed the material changes to the FY22 certification eligibility verification. Once certified, an ACO must annually submit a form to the GMCB verifying that the ACO continues to meet the requirements.

Marisa Melamed presented the FY22 ACO budget guidance to be reviewed by the Board and the 2021 timeline for the FY22 submission. Marisa Melamed reviewed the introduction, updated Covid-19 language, the eight sections of reporting requirements, the ACO budget targets, the revised budget deliverables, and monitoring. Next steps include a potential Board vote on June

23, 2021 and a special comment period June 9, 2021 through June 16, 2021. [The presentation can be seen here](#) and [the materials can be seen here](#) on the GMCB website. The Board Members had a discussion and asked the GMCB staff questions regarding the timing of the reporting manual, goals to reduce costs reflected in metrics, and specific edits to the guidance.

**Public Comment**

None

**Old Business**

Chair Mullin brought up Mike Fisher's, Chief Health Care Advocate of Vermont Legal Aid, proposal to put together a committee to address duplicative efforts in the health care system.

**New Business**

None

**Adjourn**

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 3:45 p.m.