

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, June 23, 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)*

**Minutes**

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from June 9, 2021.

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

Sarah Kinsler reviewed the GMCB oversight of VITL, a summary of VITL's FY22 budget, the budget review criteria, and the GMCB staff recommendation. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website](#). Board Member Pelham moved to approve VITL'S FY22 budget with the two conditions outlined on slide ten, with additional language "VITL's strategic planning process including the sustainability model profiling the desired level of unrestricted net assets." Board Member Lunge seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

**Public Comment**

None

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

Marisa Melamed, Associate Director of Health Care Policy, GMCB

Marisa Melamed explained [the materials posted on the GMCB website](#) and that the draft reporting manual has been posted as well. Marisa Melamed reviewed the public comment received during the special comment period and the substantive changes to the FY22 ACO budget guidance since the June 9, 2021 presentation to the Board. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website](#). Board Member Lunge moved to approve the FY22 certification eligibility form as presented on June 9, 2021 and the FY22 ACO budget guidance and the staff recommended changes presented June 23, 2021 and delegate the final review of the budget guidance financial workbook and the budget guidance appendices to the Board Chair. Board Member Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

## **Public Comment**

None

## **Clover Health Partners, LLC Waiver Request**

Kevin Murphy, Direct Contracting Executive Officer, Clover Health  
David Ault, Outside Counsel, Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath

Russ McCracken, Staff Attorney, GMCB, explained that Clover Health Partners, LLC (Clover Health) is participating as a direct contracting entity in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) new direct contracting model which began its first performance year in 2021. Clover Health is requesting a waiver of GMCB Rule 5.400 regarding annual budget review and approval and GMCB Rule 5.500 regarding monitoring and enforcement.

Kevin Murphy explained that Clover Health's program went live April 1, 2021 and is participating in multiple states including Vermont. Kevin Murphy gave an overview of Clover Health, their direct contracting entity, alignment with the goals of CMS and Vermont's model of care, the technological advantage of Clover Health, and the alignment with Vermont Blueprint for Health. David Ault presented Clover Health's waiver request for GMCB Rules 5.400 and 5.500. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#) The Board Members asked questions and had a discussion with the Clover Health presenters regarding the reporting requirements to CMS, potential expansion beyond the Medicare program, a grievance process for participants, the length of time Clover Health has been active, when 2021 quality and performance data is expected, how benefits enhancements are implemented in the model, who provides the in-home care model, potential development of a shared savings program, the projected number of beneficiaries in Vermont, the evidence base of the Clover Assistant technology, if the data collected will be sold to other entities, what data is being used in Vermont to determine referral management, alignment with the All-Payer Model and Act 113, alignment of reporting with CMS, and media appearances of Clover Health.

## **Public Comment**

Walter Carpenter, Health Care Advocate  
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 3:20 p.m.

Unapproved