

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 14, 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 reviewed [the schedule for the remainder of July](#). [FY22 Hospital Budget submissions are posted on the GMCB website here](#). [There are several ongoing special public comment periods](#). [There are two job openings at the GMCB and the GMCB Nominating Committee has posted the Board Member position that will be opening in the Fall of 2021](#).

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from June 30, 2021.

Hospital Report Update

Geoffrey Batista, Data Analytics Information Chief, GMCB
Lindsay Kill, Healthcare Data and Statistical Analyst, GMCB

Geoffrey Batista reviewed the research questions that the GMCB staff have been focusing on. The Vermont Uniform Hospital Discharge Data System (VUHDDS) is one of the data sets that the GMCB stewards and Geoffrey Batista explained what the data set includes and excludes. Lindsay Kill discussed the other data set that the GMCB stewards, the Vermont Health Care Uniform Reporting and Evaluation System (VHCURES), and what the data set includes and excludes. Lindsay Kill explained the difference between the data sets and where they can be merged. Geoffrey Batista reviewed the patient migration project which uses VHCURES, the patient origin project which uses VUHDDS, and the other types of data being used. Geoffrey Batista discussed Tableau charts of the healthcare landscape, how it is important to capture the whole health care system instead of just the parts, and two examples of papers for methodological inspiration.

Lindsay Kill discussed the project they are currently working on to integrate the two data sets, goals, possible directions, methodology, the work done so far, and next steps. Geoffrey Batista

discussed the linkage of this data with outside data sources like the census tract. Lindsay Kill discussed the limitations and precautions of this data analysis. Geoffrey Batista explained how they will continue to advance their analytical work and that this is an ongoing project. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website](#). The Board Members had a discussion and asked the staff questions about the timeline, integration with the Health Resource Allocation Plan (HRAP), integration with the hospital budget process, the time lag for the data, the patient migration data in relation to the Accountable Care Organization (ACO), and receiving data from the self-insured commercial market.

Public Comment

Richard (Mort) Wasserman, MD, MPH, Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, Larner College of Medicine, University of Vermont
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 2:05 p.m.