

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 15, 2021
10:00 am

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 10:00 am.

Brattleboro Memorial Hospital's Request for Reconsideration of FY22 Budget

Steve Gordon, President & CEO, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital
Andre Bissonnette, CFO, Brattleboro Memorial Hospital
Patrick Rooney, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB

Steve Gordon discussed Brattleboro Memorial Hospital's (BMH) projection methods and his appreciation to continue the dialogue with the Board. Andre Bissonnette presented [the summary statement of NPR/FPP](#) and [the summary statement of gross revenues](#). Steve Gordon discussed the recent history of volumes at the hospital. Patrick Rooney discussed the GMCB staff's agreement with the Board's decision on BMH's FY22 budget and the unstable environment for hospitals. Steve Gordon requested that if the Board did not reconsider its budget decision at this point, BMH could come back before the Board if actual results are different than the approved budget. The Board discussed the need for conservative budgets and that the Board would welcome BMH to come back after the first quarter if NPR/FPP is trending higher than the approved budget. Steve Gordon discussed the limitations of the hospital to attain a higher operating margin and expense pressures the hospital is facing.

Chair Mullin recessed the meeting at 10:45 am until 11:00 am.

Board Member Lunge moved to deny BMH's request for reconsideration of the FY22 budget decision. Board Member Pelham seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

Chair Mullin congratulated Steve Gordon on his upcoming retirement and thanked him for his service to the Brattleboro community.

Public Comment

Hamilton Davis, Journalist and Policy Analyst
Dale Hackett, Health Care and Disability Rights Advocate
Jeffrey Tieman, President and CEO, VAHHS

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 11:05 a.m.