

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Friday, November 5, 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*)  
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. Chair Mullin announced [the open special comment periods on the GMCB website](#). On Monday, November 8, 2021 at 8:30 am Springfield Hospital will present its revised FY22 budget.

**Federal Evaluation of the Vermont All-Payer Model: First Two Years (2018-2019)**

Sarah Kinsler, Director of Health Systems Policy, GMCB  
Franklin Hendrick, PhD, Social Science Research Analyst, Research and Rapid-Cycle Evaluation Group (RREG), Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)  
Sai Loganathan, Principal Research Scientist, NORC at the University of Chicago  
Rachel Singer, Principal Research Scientist, NORC at the University of Chicago  
Erin Ewald, Senior Research Scientist, NORC at the University of Chicago

Sarah Kinsler explained the Federal Government hired NORC at the University of Chicago to evaluate Vermont's All-Payer Model (APM) from the perspective of Medicare and the evaluation is for the first two years of the model (2018-2019). Sarah Kinsler discussed the context of how the APM is assessed and how this assessment relates to GMCB's oversight of Accountable Care Organizations (ACOs). [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#)

Franklin Hendrick explained that each CMMI model, including the APM, must be evaluated to assess the impacts on spending and quality of care. CMMI is contracted with NORC at the University of Chicago to conduct the required evaluation of the APM.

Sai Loganathan described NORC at the University of Chicago, the evaluation objectives, and the overview of the approach. Rachel Singer presented the conceptual framework, the timeline of the APM, and the scope of the first evaluation report. Erin Ewald presented the overview of the impact analysis design and the comparison group construction and challenges. Rachel Singer presented the qualitative data collected, the model participation mechanisms, the scale target

performance, the Medicare scale target performance, and the high-level qualitative findings of the evaluation. Erin Ewald presented the impact analysis results for Medicare-only beneficiaries in detail and Sai Loganathan presented the summary of the key findings. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#) The Board Members discussed future evaluations of the APM.

### **Public Comment**

Julie Wasserman, MPH, Health Policy Consultant  
Robert L. Hoffman, M.A. LPC, MPH  
Betty Keller, St. Johnsbury

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjourn**

The Board voted (4-0) to adjourn at approximately 2:05 p.m.