

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Monday, November 22, 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. Executive Director Susan Barrett announced [the open special comment periods on the GMCB website](#). Susan Barrett announced that there would be no Board meeting on Wednesday, November 24 and the December Board Meeting schedule will be posted soon.

**Minutes**

The Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes from November 17, 2021.

**2020 Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Financial Settlement and Quality Performance**

Michele Degree, Health Policy Project Director, GMCB  
Sarah Lindberg, Director of Health Systems Data Analytics, GMCB  
Amy Coonradt, Director of Operations for ACO Programs, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA)  
Alicia Cooper, Director of Managed Care Operations, DVHA  
Andrew Garland, VP for Client Relations and External Affairs, BCBSVT  
Carla Renders, Leader, Professional Relations and Value Based Account Management, MVP Health Care  
Derek Raynes, Director of Payment Reform, OCV  
Josiah Mueller, Director of Value Based Care, OCV

Michele Degree began the presentation with a reminder that this is a review of the 2020 ACO-Payer performance, and not an evaluation of the All-Payer Model (APM). Michele Degree went over special considerations for comparability, which included Medicare program changes, COVID-19 PHE, and Medicaid expansion.

Sarah Lindberg explained that the Vermont Medicare ACO limits the beneficiaries, and that many beneficiaries were not eligible in 2020 because they were enrolled in Medicare Advantage.

Sarah Lindberg reported that there was no quality withhold for 2020 since the ACO reported all measures it was required to. Sarah Lindberg presented the net settlement amounts for Medicare from years 2018-2020. Michele Degree presented the four domains for Quality performance, which include Patient/Caregiver Experience, Care Coordination/Patient Safety, Preventive Health, and At-Risk Population.

Amy Coonradt presented the Vermont Medicaid Next Generation (VMNG) 2020 performance and reported that the VMNG ACO contract term with DVHA and OneCare anticipated the start date will be January 1, 2022. Alicia Cooper discussed the background of risk corridors, the agreed upon price from DVHA and OneCare, and the reconciliation payment for 2020. Amy Coonradt presented the VMNG Quality Results for 2020. Alicia Cooper reported on the future of VMNG and DVHA and exploring the potential modifications and refining the methodology.

Andrew Garland presented the principles that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Vermont (BCBSVT) has considered and how to evaluate the structure and performance. Andrew Garland reported the progress and challenges of 2020 including the COVID19 impact on Quality Measurement. Andrew Garland discussed an addition that BCBSVT and OCV are discussing, which would be a third metric in the 2022 work plan that targets mental health and substance abuse disorders.

Carla Renders presented MVP's mission and core values. Carla Renders presented the financial program overview and quality metrics from their first year under the OCV/MVP arrangement.

Josiah Mueller and Derek Raynes spoke about their support for the providers within OCV and questioned the fluctuations because of Covid. They spoke about the importance of delivering these results to their committees, to decide on next steps and the best plan moving forward.

The Board asked questions about additional learnings and challenges, fixed perspective payments, shared savings, Medicare benchmark plans and incorporation processes.

[The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#)

### **Public Comment**

Julie Wasserman, MPH, Health Policy Consultant  
Hamilton Davis, Journalist and Policy Analyst  
Walter Carpenter, Health Care Advocate  
Robert Hoffman, M.A. LPC, MPH

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

## **Adjourn**

The Board voted (4-0) to adjourn at approximately 3:00 p.m.