

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, December 1, 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 agenda for the meeting had changed and the final staff recommendation on Health Information Exchange (HIE) Plan and Connectivity Criteria would not be presented today and will be added to the agenda later in the month. Susan Barrett announced the GMCB received an extension on the sustainability reporting presentation due to the immense pressure on the hospitals from Covid-19. The extension will go until February 1, 2022. Susan Barrett reviewed [the open special comment periods on the GMCB website](#).

**Minutes**

The Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes from November 22, 2021.

**All-Payer Model Agreement – Proposal to Request 1-Year Extension of Current Agreement**

Sarah Kinsler, Director of Health Systems Policy, GMCB  
Ena Backus, Director of Health Care Reform, Agency of Human Services, State of Vermont

Ena Backus explained that Vermont is required to submit a proposal for the All-Payer Model by the end of performance year four, which is the end of 2021. Ena Backus and the Agency of Human Services (AHS) recommend that Vermont propose a one-year extension of the current agreement. The one-year extension will allow the state to fully engage with the providers, payers, advocates, and Vermonters to develop a proposal for a longer-term renewal. The proposal will bring the extension through the end of 2023.

Sarah Kinsler reiterated that this is not a request to approve an extension, it is asking the Board to endorse starting the process of requesting the one-year extension. Sarah Kinsler presented the cover letter that will be sent to CMMI to request the one-year extension and explained the changes that will be implemented. [The request letter can be seen here](#), and [the proposed redline](#)

[can be seen here](#). The Board asked questions about the proposed extension. Sarah Kinsler stated that there would be a special public comment period that would end on December 13, 2021, and a potential vote would occur at the Board Meeting on December 15, 2021.

### **Public Comment**

Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council  
Jeffrey Tieman, President and CEO, VAHHS  
Walter Carpenter, Health Care Advocate

### **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

None

### **Adjourn**

The Board voted (4-0) to adjourn at approximately 1:50 PM.