

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
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*)
Thom Walsh, PhD, MS, MSPT (*via Microsoft Teams*)

Executive Director's Report

Chair Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett reviewed [the open special comment periods on the GMCB website](#) and announced the special comment period regarding the Essential Health Benefits (EHB) Benchmark Plan had been extended until February 25, 2022. Susan Barrett announced there is a Primary Care Advisory Group meeting on February 16, 2022 from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from February 2, 2022.

Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA) 2023 Proposal of Updates for Standard Qualified Health Plans (QHP) – Potential Vote

Dana Houlihan, Plan Management Director, DVHA
Sean Sheehan, Sr. Policy & Implementation Analyst, DVHA
Julie Peper, Principal Actuary, Wakely Consulting
Brittney Phillips, Senior Consulting Actuary, Wakely Consulting
Brooke Steiner, Consulting Actuary, Wakely Consulting

Dana Houlihan began the presentation by revisiting a question posed by Board Member Lunge during the February 2, 2022 Board Meeting about why the choice was made to propose three covered office visits for primary care and mental health at the silver and bronze level plans, but not the platinum and gold plans. Dana Houlihan presented modeling to support that decision. Dana Houlihan presented the 2023 QHP proposal summary of plan design changes. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#)

Sean Sheehan presented the 2022 On-Exchange Enrollment Report which can be seen [here on the GMCB website](#). Sean Sheehan explained the individual enrollment by metal level and plan type, and then presented the change in On-Exchange enrollment from January 2020 to January 2021.

The Board Members asked questions and discussed the population breakdown, the calculations, and the adjustments that explain how the numbers were generated.

Board Member Lunge moved to approve three zero cost sharing visits for primary care and mental health for the deductible plans at every level: bronze, silver, gold, and platinum. Board Member Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

Board Member Lunge moved to approve the 2023 Qualified Health Plans (QHP) Design as presented by DVHA with modifications, in particular the plan designs highlighted in green on slide 39 of the presentation. Board Member Holmes seconded the motion. The Board voted (5-0) to approve the motion.

Public Comment

Walter Carpenter, Health Care Advocate

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 1:50 pm