

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 27, 2022
9:00 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*)
Jessica Holmes, PhD (*via Microsoft Teams*)
Tom Pelham (*via Microsoft Teams*)
Thom Walsh, PhD, MS, MSPT (*Absent*)

Executive Director's Report

Chair Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 am. Susan Barrett announced the agenda changes which include moving the Wait Times Working Group update to the morning agenda and removing the update from the Department of Mental Health scheduled for the afternoon. Susan Barrett reviewed [the open special comment periods on the GMCB website](#). Susan Barrett announced the job listings for the Board Chair and Board Member had been [posted on the GMCB website](#).

Minutes

The Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes from April 20, 2022.

Blue Cross Blue Shield and MVP Health Care: Payment Reform Efforts and General Updates

Sara Teachout, Corporate Director, Government and Media Relations, BCBS
Grace Gilbert-Davis, Director of Health Care Reform, BCBS
Lou McLaren, Director of Provider Services, BCBS
Scott Momrow, Senior Leader, Network Strategy and Strategic Relationship Management, MVP Healthcare
Matt MacKinnon, Senior Leader, Network Management, MVP Healthcare

Grace Gilbert-Davis reviewed the BCBS healthcare reform philosophy and the BCBS collaboration with OneCare Vermont (OCV). Grace Gilbert-Davis presented the risk and quality timeline and reviewed quality programs and measuring outcomes. Sara Teachout presented an overview of the Fixed Prospective Payment (FPP) pilot program that began in April 2020 with Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) and independent primary care providers, and reviewed lessons learned from the pilot program. Lou McLaren presented the BCBS reform tenets and examples of current value-based programs. Lou McLaren presented the value-based program expansion and lessons learned from value-based pilot programs. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website](#).

The Board Members asked questions about solutions to effectiveness of care coordination, packaging data through the ACO, expanding the value-based programs and what the proper target is for the FPP.

Scott Momrow reviewed the MVP objectives and agenda, and states that MVP is driving a shift from fee-for-service to alternative payments to improve the member experience. Scott Momrow reviewed the All-Payer Model (APM) that they participate with in New York and Vermont and reviewed the value-based programs that promote care coordination. Scott Momrow presented payment model solutions and Matt MacKinnon presented MVP cost containment strategies. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#)

The Board Members asked questions about the primary care model and working with the Blueprint for Health, the Medicare Advantage plan with UVM Health Network, payment percentage targets, and insurer reserve needs.

Public Comment

Cynthia Browning, Consumer

Wait Times Metrics for Hospital Budget Guidance Update

Susan Barrett, Executive Director, GMCB

Susan Barrett presented a reminder of the current wait times language in the FY23 Hospital Budget Guidance. Susan Barrett presented the metrics that had been discussed but will not be utilized and the metrics that were still on the table. Susan Barrett reviewed the next steps and stated that the decision would be brought to the Board by May 2, 2022.

Public Comment

None

Adjourn

Chair Mullin recessed the meeting at approximately 12:00 pm.

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1:00 pm

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Jessica Holmes, PhD (*via Microsoft Teams*)
Tom Pelham (*via Microsoft Teams*)
Thom Walsh, PhD, MS, MSPT (*Absent*)

Executive Director's Report

Chair Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced the agenda changes which include moving the Wait Times Working Group update to the morning agenda and removing the update from the Department of Mental Health scheduled for the afternoon. Susan Barrett reviewed [the open special comment periods on the GMCB website](#).

University of Vermont Health Network (UVMHN) Psychiatric Inpatient Capacity (PIC) Quarterly Report

Dr. John Brumsted, CEO, UVMMC
Eve Hoar, MBA, VP for Strategic and Business Planning, UVMMC

Dr. John Brumsted reviewed the need for the PIC project and the mental health needs in Vermont. Dr. John Brumsted explained the growing need for mental health support and how UVMHN responded to the need before and during the pandemic. Eve Hoar presented the progress on the PIC project, the staffing plan and the facility design. Eve Hoar presented the estimated cost of construction, financial analysis and project capital cost estimate. Dr. John Brumsted reviewed Medicaid funding considerations. Dr. John Brumsted presented the inpatient psychiatric services loss estimates which would increase with this project. Dr. John Brumsted reviewed the GMCB staff analysis from the UVMHN Mid-Year Budget request, and how the financial health of UVMHN is determined. Dr. John Brumsted presented the current status of the PIC project which concluded that the project cannot be carried forward at this time due to the UVMHN current financial status. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website](#).

The Board Members asked questions about Medicaid dollars, potential contributions from the State of Vermont, and prioritizing projects.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 2:40 pm.