

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 4, 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 *(via Microsoft Teams)*

Executive Director's Report

Chair Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 9:00 am. Susan Barrett announced the OneCare Vermont revised budget presentation would be on May 4, 2022 at 1:00 pm and the GMCB staff analysis and potential vote was scheduled for May 11, 2022 at 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett reviewed [the open special comment periods on the GMCB website](#). Susan Barrett reviewed the physician transfers policy and the upcoming physician transfers which can be seen [here on the GMCB website](#).

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from April 27, 2022.

Global Budgets and Health Care System Transformation: What is Needed?

Patrick Flood, former Deputy Secretary, Agency of Human Services (AHS)
Bill Schubart, Author, former Chair of University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMCC) Board
Mark Hage, Director of Benefit Programs & VEHI Trust Administrator, VT-NEA
Julie Tessler, Executive Director, Vermont Care Partners: VT Council
Sarah Launderville, Executive Director, VCIL and President, Vermont Coalition of Disability Rights
Rick Dooley, PA-C, Clinical Network Director, Health First
Deb Snell, President, Vermont Federation of Nurses and Health Professionals

Bill Schubart reviewed the current state of healthcare and population health in Vermont, and cited lack of access and delayed appointments as contributors. Bill Schubart presented the current state of mental health care and the crisis at hand. Bill Schubart questioned the difference between policy setter and financial regulator. Mark Hage presented a summary of designing a model of global budgeting for hospitals that ensures adequate funding annually, and ensuring Vermonters also have access to affordable and quality healthcare. Mark Hage presented about

high costs, price inflation and reference-based pricing. Mark Hage referenced the State of Montana and their reference-based hospital pricing.

Rick Dooley presented an overview of HealthFirst and reviewed the decline in the number of practices and physicians in Vermont. Rick Dooley reviewed why independent providers are critical to Vermonters, and the financial and personalized differences in independent providers and larger healthcare systems.

Deb Snell presented a review of retaining good nurses in Vermont, access to primary care physicians, and presented a personal recollection of the care she had received at a Vermont hospital. Julie Tessler presented on the lack of access to mental health care in Vermont and the workforce crisis and questioned how we can sustain community-based services including mental health in Vermont as demands increase. Sarah Launderville shared collective personal experiences and lack of access for those with physical, intellectual, and other disabilities. [The presentation summaries can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#)

Public Comment

Betty Keller, Chapter President, Vermont Physicians for a National Health Program (VT PNHP)
Barbara Black, Consumer
Michael Del Trecco, Sr. Vice President of Finance & Operations, VAHHS
Susan Aranoff, Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, Vermont Developmental Disabilities Council

Adjourn

Chair Mullin recessed the meeting at approximately 11:10 am.

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OneCare Vermont ACO FY22 Revised Budget Presentation

Marisa Melamed, Associate Director of Health Systems Policy, GMCB
Victoria Loner, MHCDS, RN, CCM, CPUR, PAHM, CEO, OneCare Vermont
Sara Barry, MPH, COO, OneCare Vermont
Tom Borys, MBA, Vice President of Finance, OneCare Vermont

Marisa Melamed reviewed the budget guidance and the ACO budget order, and the conditions of the revised budget. Tom Borys reviewed the Population Health Management (PHM) description and status, and presented an update on care coordination evaluations. Tom Borys presented the OCV evaluation contract with the University of Vermont (UVM) College of Medicine and provided an ACO benchmarking update. Tom Borys presented revised final budget sections including revenues, expenses, and hospital participation fees. Tom Borys reviewed the total risk and risk model, and any progress on commercial fixed payments. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#)

The Board Members asked questions about attributed lives, performance measures, participation in all programs,

Public Comment

Sam Peisch, Health Policy Analyst, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid
Walter Carpenter, Health Care Advocate
Cynthia Browning, Consumer
Dale Hackett, Health Care and Disability Rights Advocate

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 2:30 pm.