

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 15, 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 Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced that the General Advisory Committee Meeting was held on June 13, 2022 and that a Primary Care Advisory Group (PCAG) Meeting was added on June 15, 2022 from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. Susan Barrett reviewed [the open special comment periods on the GMCB website](#).

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from June 8, 2022.

University of Vermont Health Network (UVMHN) Mental Health Integration

John R. Brumsted, MD – Chief Executive Officer, UVMHN
Sara Pawlowski, MD – Psychiatrist Lead, Primary Care Mental Health Integration, UVMHN
Clara Keegan, MD – Primary Care Lead, Primary Care Mental Health Integration, UVMHN
Maureen Leahy, M. Ed – Medical Group Director for Psychiatry and Neurology, UVMHN

Maureen Leahy presented the UVMHN integration model, the difference provider and patient factors and the statistics on the increased demand for mental health services. Sara Pawlowski reviewed the history and core components of collaborative care and presented the hub and spoke model for primary care mental health integration (PCMHI). Dr. Clara Keegan presented the primary care provider role including how to introduce the collaborative care model and expanding clinical skills for mental health. Maureen Leahy presented the project status and anticipated next steps. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website](#).

The Board Members asked questions about how long certain contracts are and value based versus fee-for-service entities.

Public Comment

Sophia Giliberto, Student
Hamilton Davis, Journalist and Policy Analyst

Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Guidance - GMCB Staff Presentation

Marisa Melamed, Associate Director of Health Systems Policy, GMCB
Julia Boles, Senior Health Policy Analyst, GMCB
Michelle Sawyer, Health Policy Project Director, GMCB
Russ McCracken, Staff Attorney, GMCB

Marisa Melamed reviewed the Board statutory authority and the ACO guidance process overview. Marisa Melamed explained that the focus would be on certified ACO for this presentation and reviewed the oversight approach and GMCB staff goals. Michelle Sawyer presented the certification verification and the goals and key changes to those materials. Marisa Melamed presented the themes for FY23 updates and reporting requirements sections with changes. Julia Boles presented the changes and additions of section 1 through section 3. Marisa Melamed presented the changes and additions for section 4 through section 6, and Michelle Sawyer reviewed the main change to section 7 regarding population health. Marisa Melamed presented the remaining changes and reviewed the development timeline for FY23. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#)

The Board Members asked questions about the ACO Total Cost of Care accountability strategy and about part II of the guidance regarding ACO budget targets.

Public Comment

Walter Carpenter, Health Care Advocate

GMCB 2022 Legislative Session Presentation

Christina McLaughlin, Health Policy Advisor, GMCB

Christina McLaughlin presented a summary of the legislative bills tracked by the GMCB. Christina McLaughlin presented each bill signed into law and summarized the bills, now Acts, which include:

- Act 85: Extending COVID-19 Flexibilities
- Act 108: Coverage for Hearing Aids
- Act 107: Telehealth Licensure Registration System
- Act 119: Patient Financial Policies & Medical Debt Protection
- Act 131: Pharmacy Benefit Management
- Act 137: Misc. Provisions Affecting Health Insurance Regulation
- Act 183: Economic and Workforce Development
- Act 167: Health Care Reform Initiatives, Data Collection, & Access to Home- and Community-Based Service

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

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 3:25pm.