

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, August 3, 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 reviewed the [open special comment periods on the GMCB website](#). Susan Barrett announced that the hospital budget hearings would begin on August 15, 2022 and the schedule can be found [here on the GMCB website](#).

Minutes

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

Comparing "Price Transparency" Resources

Sarah Lindberg, Director of Health Systems Finance, GMCB

Sarah Lindberg reviewed different term definitions such as "cost", charges, reimbursement, expected member share, and allowed amount. Sarah Lindberg shared the goals and challenges of price transparency and reviewed the CMS price transparency rules. Sarah Lindberg presented the different tools for comparing price transparency, which include the NASHP hospital cost tool, RAND price studies, and the GMCB Payment and Cost Variation study. Sarah Lindberg reviewed the use for each within the hospital budgets. [The presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website](#).

Public Comment

Eric Schultheis, Staff Attorney, Office of the Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid
Walter Carpenter, Health Care Advocate
Hamilton Davis, Journalist and Policy Analyst

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 2:05pm.