

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 2, 2022
8:30 am

Attendance

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

Executive Director's Report

Chair Holmes called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 am. Susan Barrett announced the Health Insurance Premium Tax Credits, which can help save money on health insurance premiums if they are purchased through Vermont Health Connect. More information on these subsidies can be found [here on the GMCB website](#).

FY23 Hospital Budget Deliberations

Sarah Lindberg, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB
Flora Pagan, Health Systems Finance Principal Analyst, GMCB
Matthew Sutter, Health Systems Finance Principal Analyst, GMCB
Russ McCracken, Staff Attorney, GMCB

Sarah Lindberg reviewed the hospital budget decision schedule, the staff recommendation decision tree, and the standard budget order conditions. Sarah Lindberg presented a summary of the staff recommendations for Grace Cottage Hospital.

Board Member Lunge moved to approve Grace Cottage Hospital's budget as submitted, with a 15.0% increase from FY2022 to FY2023 budgeted NPR/FPP, a 5.0% increase to overall charges, and subject to the standard budget conditions as presented to the Board. Board Member Walsh seconded the motion. The Board voted (4-0) to approve the motion.

Sarah Lindberg presented summaries of the staff recommendations for Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital, Rutland Regional Medical Center, Porter Medical Center, Central Vermont Medical Center, and University of Vermont Medical Center.

Chair Holmes recessed the meeting until 10:30am.

Board Member Lunge moved to approve Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital's budget as submitted, with a 13.0% increase from FY2022 to FY2023 budgeted NPR/FPP, a 10.8% increase to overall charges, and subject to the standard budget conditions as presented to the Board. Board Member Walsh seconded the motion. The Board voted (4-0) to approve the motion.

Board Member Lunge moved to modify the charge request for Rutland Regional Medical Center to account for the Medicare Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPs) final rule estimate and the FY23 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) variance from the submitted budget, with a total impact of a -.4% on the charge request. Board Member Walsh seconded the motion. The Board voted (4-0) to approve the motion.

Board Member Lunge moved to approve Rutland Regional Medical Center's budget as modified, with a 16.1% increase from FY2022 to FY2023 budgeted NPR/FPP, a 17.4% increase to overall charges, and subject to the standard budget conditions as presented to the Board. Board Member Pelham seconded the motion. The Board voted (4-0) to approve the motion.

Board Member Lunge moved to approve Porter Medical Center's budget as submitted, with a 10.9% increase from FY2022 to FY2023 budgeted NPR/FPP, a 3.5% increase to overall charges, a 11.5% increase to commercial effective rate, and subject to the standard budget conditions as presented to the Board. Board Member Walsh seconded the motion. The Board voted (4-0) to approve the motion.

Chair Holmes recessed the meeting until 12:30pm.

The Board members asked questions and discussed Central Vermont Medical Center and University of Vermont Medical Center's budgets and requested additional information before making a decision. The deliberations will continue on September 7, 2022 at 12:00pm. [The GMCB staff presentation can be seen here on the GMCB website.](#)

Public Comment

Al Gobeille, Executive Vice President for Operations (EVP), UVMHN
Hamilton Davis, Journalist and Policy Analyst
Michael Fisher, Chief Health Care Advocate, Vermont Legal Aid

Adjourn

The Board voted (4-0) to adjourn at approximately 1:30 pm.