

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD
Data Governance Council
June 4, 2024
2:00pm, via Microsoft Teams

Attendance (Voting Members)

Susan Barrett, Council Chair and Executive Director, GMCB
Cathy Fulton, Executive Director, VPQHC
Jessie Hammond, Public Health Statistics Chief, VDH
Lauri Scharf, Manager of Informatics, Bi-State Primary Care Association
Kathryn O'Neill, Director of Health System Data and Analytics, GMCB

(absent) Jessica Holmes, Board Member, GMCB, Kristin McClure, Health Care Reform Integration Manager, AHS, Josiah Raiche, Chief Data Officer, ADS

Others Present

Attendance report available upon request.

Call to Order, Chair's Report

Susan Barrett called the meeting to order at approximately 2:02 pm. Susan provided a brief update on Board activities. Susan announced that Council member Cathy Fulton will be retiring and this will be Cathy's last meeting as a Council member.

Approve Meeting Minutes

The Council voted (5-0-0) to approve the minutes from February 6, 2024.

New Council Member Designation

Susan Barrett announced that Josiah Raiche, Chief Data Officer of the Agency of Digital Services (ADS) has been designated to fill the ADS staff seat on the DGC, replacing Stacy Gibson-Grandfield, Director of the Enterprise Project Management Office at ADS. Jessie Hammond moved to appoint Josiah, Lauri Scharf seconded, and the Council voted 5-0 to approve the appointment. Jessica Holmes, Kristin McClure and Josiah Raiche were absent for this vote.

Data Linkage Request

The University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine presented their data linkage request to link the Vermont Breast Cancer Surveillance System to VHCURES to better understand screening patterns in Vermont. Materials were provided to Council members in advance, and the Council had the opportunity to ask UVM researchers questions directly. No public comments were received. The Council voted 5-0 to approve this request. Jessica Holmes, Kristin McClure and Josiah Raiche were absent for this vote.

Data Reporting Manual Changes

Lindsay Kill presented proposed changes to the VHCURES Data Reporting Manual including field changes and additional data collection. No public comments were received during the meeting. Susan Barrett moved to approve the changes as presented and Cathy Fulton seconded. The Council voted 5-0 to approve the motion. Jessica Holmes, Kristin McClure and Josiah Raiche were absent for this vote.

Susan Barrett moved to approve the staff recommendation for an implementation date of 2-1-2025. There was discussion related to the implementation date and why it would not begin in January. The February date is consistent with the last implementation date in 2023, and this allows more time for payers to make these changes. The Council discussed the matter further.

Kate O'Neill moved to amend the motion to take effect January 1, 2025, and indicated that there is a waiver process in Rule 9.000 for payers who cannot accommodate the implementation date. Susan Barrett seconded the motion.

The Council voted 5-0 to approve the amended motion. Jessica Holmes, Kristin McClure and Josiah Raiche were absent for this vote.

Staff Updates

Susan announced that Assistant General Counsel Russ McCracken has resigned from the Green Mountain Care Board and taken a position with the Department of Financial Regulation.

Public Comment – None.

New Business – Hilary Wolfley will replace Cathy Fulton as the Executive Director of the Vermont Program for Quality in Health Care as of July 1, 2024.

Adjournment – The Council voted 5-0 to adjourn at approximately 3:02pm.

Next DGC meeting: Tuesday August 6, 2024, 2:00pm.