

## GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD

Data Governance Council

October 4, 2022

2:00pm, via Microsoft Teams

### **Attendance (Voting Members)**

Susan Barrett, Council Chair and Executive Director, GMCB

Sarah Kinsler, Director of Health Systems Policy, GMCB

Cathy Fulton, Executive Director, VPQHC

Lauri Scharf, Manager of Informatics, Bi-State Primary Care Association

Kristin McClure, Chief Data Officer, ADS

Jessie Hammond, Public Health Statistics Chief, VDH

### **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 announced that Tom Pelham retired as of 9/30/2022. Susan thanked Tom for his many years of public service and for his time on the Data Governance Council. Susan shared that she would like to appoint Board member Jessica Holmes to the Council as Tom's replacement. The Council will vote on this appointment at the December 6<sup>th</sup> DGC meeting. Susan also shared an overview of the GMCB's new Chair, Owen Foster.

### **Approve June Meeting Minutes**

The Council voted (6-0) to approve the minutes from June 7, 2022 with one misspelling correction.

### **Health Data Strategy and Governance**

Kristin McClure from AHS presented an overview on the health data strategy and governance development for the unified health data space. The data strategy and governance recommendations provided by AHS's contractor Brilljent will inform the upcoming HIE plan which will be submitted to the Board on November 1, 2022.

### **VHCURES Reporting Manual Proposed Changes - VOTE**

Kate O'Neill and Veronica Fialkowski presented an overview of the final proposed revisions to the Data Reporting Manual.

Sarah Kinsler moved to amend the VHCURES Reporting Manual to remove the requirement for payers to submit hashed (one-way encrypted) data. Lauri Scharf seconded. Lauri shared that he appreciates the security concerns raised in the written public comments submitted to the Board in August and that he is satisfied with the security protocols in place to protect VHCURES data. With six voting members, the council voted 6-0 to approve this change.

Council member Jessie Hammond left the meeting after the first vote.

Susan moved to amend the VHCURES Reporting Manual to add fields to collect race and ethnicity data. Sarah Kinsler seconded. Lauri shared that FQHCs are now required by CMS to report on an expanded set of race and ethnicity fields and asked if we should look at those fields for use in the VHCURES Reporting Manual. Kate O'Neill and Russ McCracken shared that because the proposed changes as presented today were warned, any vote today would have to be on the current proposed changes. Alternatively the Council could decide to wait on a vote to add race and ethnicity fields until a later date. The vote was held and with five voting members the council voted 5-0 to approve adding fields to collect race and ethnicity data as presented and warned. Kate shared that staff will learn more about these expanded fields required of FQHCs and consult the APCD Council which manages the Common Data Layout (CDL) as to the timeline for potential expansion of race and ethnicity fields in the CDL.

Lauri moved to amend the VHCURES Reporting Manual to add a field to collect mail-order pharmacy data. Cathy Fulton seconded. No discussion. With five voting members the Council voted 5-0 to approve this change.

Cathy Fulton moved to amend the VHCURES Reporting Manual to add a field to collect total monthly premium amount. Sarah Kinsler seconded. No discussion. With five voting members the Council voted 5-0 to approve this change.

The revised VHCURES Reporting Manual will take effect on February 1, 2023.

**Public Comment**

None

**New Business**

None.

**Adjourn**

The Council voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 3:13pm.

Next meeting is Tuesday December 6, 2022. This will be a virtual meeting via Microsoft Teams, although the large conference room at 144 State Street in Montpelier will also be available for anyone who wants to attend in person.