

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD

Data Governance Council

February 2, 2021

2:00pm, via Microsoft Teams

Attendance (Voting Members)

Susan Barrett, Council Chair and Executive Director, GMCB

Tom Pelham, Board Member, GMCB

Alena Berube, Director of Value Based Programs & ACO Regulation, GMCB

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

Cathy Fulton, Executive Director, VPQHC

Mary Kate Mohlman, Health Services Researcher, Blueprint for Health

Absent: Helen Reid, Division Director, Health Surveillance, VDH

Others Present

Kate O'Neill, Chief Data Steward, GMCB

Sarah Lindberg, Health Services Researcher, GMCB

Geoff Battista, GMCB

Michael Barber, GMCB

Russ McCracken, GMCB

David Glavin, GMCB

Lindsay Kill, GMCB

Michael Durkin, BCBSVT

Sean Judge, VAHHS-NSO

Mort Wasserman, University of Vermont Larner College of Medicine

Call to Order, Chair's Report

Susan Barrett called the meeting to order at approximately 2:00 pm.

Approve December Meeting Minutes

The Council voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from December 1, 2020.

Cathy Fulton joined meeting after this vote.

No Surprises Act

Kate provided a brief update on the federal "No Surprises Act" Section 115 addressing state all payer claims databases, (begins on page 1694 of Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021).

Part of this recently passed federal legislation is grant program for states' APCDs which discusses:

- Grants to states to establish or improve a "State All Payer Claims Database."
- Standardized Reporting Format to be developed.
- Advisory Committee will be established.

GMCB submitted a nomination to recommend two colleagues to the Advisory Council: Norm Thurston, PhD, Executive Director of the National Association of Health Data Organizations (NAHDO), and Jo Porter, MPH, Director of the UNH Institute for Health Policy and Practice, and Co-Chair of the APCD Council.

Vermont is a member of both membership organizations as well as the New England States Consortium Systems Organization (NESCSO) which is exploring with the states any opportunities for interstate collaboration, either in applying for grants, in establishing common applications or common reporting, or other opportunities to work together in ways that this federal legislation and grant funding could support.

Enhanced Data Validation Project Update

Sarah Lindberg provided an update on the project.

Data Submission and Release Rules Update

Russ McCracken provided an overview of the draft proposed Data Release Rule 9.000. The draft proposed Data Submission Rule 8.000 was presented at the December 2020 meeting. Staff will reach out to stakeholders with an opportunity for feedback on these proposed new Rules.

Public Comment

Michael Durkin, BCBS-VT supports Board's intent to collect stakeholder feedback at this time and reminds the DGC that changes in requirements are not trivial on the submitters' end and takes work and time to complete.

Motion

Susan moved to approve recommendation of both Rules and supporting documentation as presented to the DGC, Mary Kate seconded motion. No discussion or public comment.

Vote

The Council voted (6-0) to approve the motion.

New Business

None.

Adjourn

The Council voted (6-0) to adjourn at approximately 3:10 pm.