

Green Mountain Care Board  
General Advisory Committee Meeting  
June 7, 2021 (2:00 – 4:00 pm)  
*This meeting was held via Microsoft Teams.*

<b>Advisory Committee Member Attendees</b>	Sharon Gutwin, Rick Dooley, Kathy Mahoney, Mark Nunlist, Jennifer Bertrand, David Sichel, Michael Durkin, John Macy, Walter Carpenter, Allison Ebrahimi-Gold, Jason Garbarino
<b>GMCB Attendees</b>	Kevin Mullin, Jessica Holmes, Tom Pelham, Robin Lunge, Maureen Usifer, Susan Barrett, Laura Beliveau, Russ McCracken, Christina McLaughlin
<b>Other Attendees</b>	Estelle LeClair, Jennifer Kaulius, Mike Fisher, Rebecca Copans, Susan Aranoff

1. GMCB Updates

- a. Susan Barrett, Executive Director, GMCB and Christina McLaughlin, Health Policy Analyst, GMCB presented an update on the Board's recent work and items related to the 2021 legislative session. Click [here](#) to view the full presentation posted to the Advisory Committee webpage. Group members asked questions and provided comment on unmerging the small and individual markets for plan year 2022, the All-Payer ACO Model Agreement, provider reimbursement, and the narrative around fee-for-service versus value-based care.
- b. Future meeting topics: Group members suggested discussing how common terms related to provider reimbursement, such as fee-for-service, has a different meaning to administrators and clinicians and how to assess the right model(s) for provider reimbursement. The group may also provide input for the Health Care Workforce Strategic Plan at the fall meeting. The date and time of the next Advisory Group meeting will be posted on the group page when confirmed.

2. COVID-19 Updates & Lessons Learned

- a. Members were asked to provide updates to the Board related to the discussion questions:
  1. How has COVID-19 impacted you and how you a. deliver care (as a provider, physician, nurse, pharmacist, etc.), b. receive care (as a patient), or c. operate your business (hospital, private business, insurer, etc.)?
  2. What are some successful COVID-19 response strategies you have seen deployed, and what can we learn from them?
  3. What changes or improvements would you like to see continue in our health care system beyond COVID-19?
- b. Discussion Notes:
  - Out-patient joint replacement procedures have increased due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which is safer and less expensive for patients.
  - There should be a focus on what will impact provider practices in the future.
  - There is concern about health care utilization over the next few years. Many patients stopped receiving care in the past year due to the pandemic.
  - Telemedicine has been very helpful, but providers also need to see patients in person to make sure they are getting proper care.
  - Emergency department utilization dropped significantly during the pandemic and providers learned lessons on how to manage respiratory illnesses.

3. Public Comment

- a. Susan Aranoff

4. Adjourn