

Green Mountain Care Board
Prescription Drug Technical Advisory Group
January 25, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Attendance (Group Members and GMCB)

Nate Awrich, Director, Pharmacy Supply Chain, UVMHN
Debbi Barber, R. Ph, VP of Managed Care Contracting & Payor Relations, Kinney Drugs
Emily Brown, Director of Rates and Forms, DFR
Jordan Estey, Leader, Government Affairs, MVP Health Care
Devon Green, Vice President of Government Relations, VAHHS
Jeff Hochberg, Director, Smilin Steve Pharmacy Group & President of Vermont Retail Druggists
Jim Hopsicker, Sr. Leader, Health and Pharmacracy Management, MVP Health Care
Georgia Maheras, VP of Policy and Strategy, Bi-State Primary Care Association
Brian Murphy, Director of Pharmacy & Vendor Management, MVP Health Care
Sara Teachout, Corporate Director, Government and Media Relations, BCBSVT
Robin Lunge, Board Member, GMCB
Kevin Mullin, Chair, GMCB
Susan Barrett, Executive Director, GMCB
Christina McLaughlin, Health Policy Analyst, GMCB
Abigail Connolly, Executive Assistant, GMCB

Others Present

Jennifer Kaulius, UVMHN
Kaili Kuiper, HCA
Laura Pelosi, MMR
Rebecca Copans, BCBSVT
Theo Studdert-Kennedy, Otis & Kennedy

Discuss Potential Legislative Action/Policy Changes

Christina McLaughlin read through the Review of State Actions document posted [here](#) on the Board's website. Group members discussed the pros and cons of each state action and the proposals members suggested in previous meetings (transparency law changes, wholesaler transparency, rebate transparency, MA and NY drug price cap models, and addressing high-cost drugs with financing or risk pool for specialty and gene therapies). In the end, the group agreed on five areas of interest to explore: PBM regulation issues, formulary management, bulk/group purchasing, out-of-pocket costs, and pharmacy access and sustainability in Vermont.

Priorities and Next Steps

Group members were asked to rate the five areas of interest in order of preference to inform the Board which topic(s) should be explored first. The February 8th meeting was canceled, and the group's next meeting will be February 22nd, 2021.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.