

GMCB Primary Care Advisory Group (PCAG) Wednesday, September 21, 2022

PCAG Member Attendees	Fay Homan, Rob Penney, Elliot Rubin, Eileen Murphy, Leigh LoPresti, Tim Tanner, Eileen Murphy, Michelle Wade
GMCB Attendees	Susan Barrett, Tom Pelham, Christina McLaughlin, Julia Boles

1. Welcome & Introductions
 - a. Brief introductions of everyone in attendance.

2. Discussion of PCAG Priorities
 - a. Members continued to discuss the group’s priorities set at a previous meeting; 1. prior authorizations, 2. primary care spend, and 3. health care workforce (specifically, pipeline with medical schools and inclusion of all primary care clinicians). For prior authorizations, members discussed the need for additional workforce to run prior authorizations and noted the biggest issue is with prescription drug prior authorizations. For primary care spend, Susan Barrett noted that CMMI has talked about increasing primary care spend and Christina McLaughlin reminded the group members of the [Primary Care Spend report](#) the Board and the Department of Vermont Health Access submitted to the Vermont Legislature in 2020. For health care workforce, members discussed shifting from FFS to value-based care could decrease provider burnout and the issue of high turnover rates at hospitals.
 - b. **Follow-Up:** PCAG members discussed writing a series of commentaries on the culture of primary care, including 1. what services a primary care provider offers, 2. how prior authorizations contribute to burnout, and 3. how improper referrals contribute to long wait times for specialists in Vermont.

3. GMCB/PCAG Updates
 - a. Christina McLaughlin updated the members on the 2023 individual & small group rate decisions and shared that the Board created a [Premium Tax Credit webpage](#) for Vermonters to learn more about saving on their health insurance premiums. Susan Barrett updated the group on the Board’s recent collaboration with the Agency of Human Services relating to hospital sustainability and the All-Payer Model. Susan also explained the RFP on the redesign of the hospital budget process. More information on the hospital budget RFP can be found [here](#).
 - b. **Follow-Up:** Group members discussed diversifying the PCAG. Members planned to reach out to other clinicians about joining the group.