

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 13, 2019
1:00 pm

Attendance

Kevin J. Mullin, Chair
Susan J. Barrett, JD, Executive Director
Michael Barber, General Counsel
Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS
Maureen Usifer
Jessica Holmes, PhD
Tom Pelham

Executive Director's Report

Chair Kevin Mullin called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett announced on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 the Board meeting agenda items will be a potential vote on the Health Information Exchange (HIE) plan, an All-Payer Model (APM) Update/Benchmark Recommendation from GMCB staff, and a discussion on Accountable Care Organization (ACO) 2018 results. On the same day there will be a Primary Care Advisory Group (PCAG) meeting at 5:00 pm at the GMCB, 144 State St, Montpelier, VT. On Thursday, November 21, 2019 the Board Members will be attending the Rural Health Services Task Force meeting at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital at 1:00 pm. This is not an official Board Meeting. Board Member Robin Lunge explained what that the meeting will be an overview of what the task force does and a listening session to get input from the public on rural health issues. On Monday, November 25, 2019 the Board will potentially vote on the APM Benchmark Proposal. The November schedule press release can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Minutes

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from October 30, 2019.

Health Information Exchange (HIE) Plan Presentation and Update on Opt-Out Consent Implementation

Jenney Samuelson, Deputy Commissioner, DVHA
Emily Richards, HCR-HIT Integration Manager, DVHA
Maurine Gilbert, Community Facilitator, DVHA
Andrea De La Bruere, Client Services Director, VITL

Jenney Samuelson introduced the presenters. 18 V.S.A. calls for an annual update to the HIE plan and every five years DVHA and the steering committee must do an overhaul of the plan. The HIE Strategic Plan 2019-2020 submitted in November 2019 is the first annual update to the initial 2018-2019 HIE Strategic Plan. The goals of the plan laid out last year, that continue in the 2019-2020 plan, are to create one health record for every person, improve health care operations,

and use data to enable investment and policy decisions. Emily Richards discussed the comprehensive evaluation of HIE that the legislature asked for in 2017 and the role of the HIE steering committee. Jenney Samuelson explained the key terms that were laid out in last years plan: health information, health information exchange as a verb, and health information exchange as a noun. In the evaluation that was done it was found that Vermont needed a multifaceted environment for HIE to effectively function. This environment includes key pillars of governing structure, policy/process, and financing, and under each of these pillars are tactical objectives. Emily Richards discussed how it is important to start with this foundation for success. Jenney Samuelson reviewed the three areas of HIE technology: end-user services, exchange services, and foundational services. Emily Richards discussed the importance of the foundational services.

Jenney Samuelson reviewed the progress made towards the goals in 2019 and the five key areas of work highlighted in the 2019-2020 plan. One of the key areas that the 2019-2020 plan builds on is the HIE governance model. Emily Richards discussed how the HIE steering committee added clarity of accountability. Jenney Samuelson presented the roles in the governance model and the members of the HIE Steering Committee. Another key area of work was HIE operations, which included accountability and goals through the contract with VITL. Emily Richards discussed how the HIE plan is reflected in the contract. Jenney Samuelson explained the other advancements in HIE operations, including connectivity criteria advancements. Emily Richards discussed the origins of connectivity criteria in 2014 and the structure that DVHA and VITL put in place in the past couple years. Jenney Samuelson discussed the recommended updates to the criteria, the development of the technical roadmap, and collaborative services. The Board asked questions and had a discussion with Jenney Samuelson and Emily Richards.

Maurine Gilbert presented the opt-out consent overview, which goes into effect March 1, 2020, and the implementation summary. The Board asked questions related to stakeholder engagement. Maurine Gilbert explained the stakeholder engagement with advocates, Vermonters, patients, and special populations and what was learned from engagement. The communications strategy is through providers, advocates, and direct from the State of Vermont and VITL. The Board asked questions about the communication strategy and its effectiveness. Maurine Gilbert and Andrea De La Bruere presented the mechanisms on how to opt-out and the evaluation method. The Board asked the presenters about the technical components and the consent hotline. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Public Comment

Eric Schultheis
Kristen Murphy

VITL Quarterly Update

Andrea De La Bruere, Client Services Director, VITL
Christopher Shenk, Technology Director, VITL
Carolyn Stone, Operations Director, VITL
Robert Turnau, Chief Financial Officer, VITL

Andrea De La Bruere introduced the presenters and announced that Beth Anderson will be the new CEO of VITL. Robert Turnau presented the financial update including the FY19 audit and CY20 contract. Since the budget was approved in June, the CY20 contract has added new work scope including collaborative services phase 1 and 2 projects. Chair Kevin Mullin explained that in the budget order it is required that VITL come back to the Board in December when there are these types of adjustments in the budget. Since the contract will not be executed until the end of December, VITL agreed to come back to the Board in January with the updated budget. Chair Kevin Mullin asked the Board Members if anyone objected, and there were no objections. The Board asked questions and had a discussion with Robert Turnau regarding VITL's finances.

Christopher Shenk presented the security update. Carolyn Stone presented the collaborative services project phases 1 and 2. Andrea De La Bruere presented the quarterly report. The presentation can be seen [here](#) on the GMCB website.

Public Comment

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjourn

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 4:15 pm.