

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)  
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, December 14, 2017  
1:00 PM

**Attendance**

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

**Executive Director's Report**

Kevin Mullin, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett, Executive Director, reminded the Board and the public of the meetings in December. Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018, the Board meetings will be held on Wednesdays. There is currently open public comment on the ACO budget and Medicare benchmark trend decision; public comment is open until December 19<sup>th</sup>. GMCB will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 from 4-6 pm in the Green Mountain Care Board room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the City Center building to hear comments on hospital budget guidance for 2019.

**Minutes**

The Board voted (5-0) to approve the minutes from December 12, 2017.

**Rutland Regional Medical Center CON**

Tom Huebner, President and CEO, RRMC  
Judi Fox, VP Fiscal Services and CFO, RRMC  
Jim Greenough, VP Corporate Support Services, RRMC  
Mel Boynton, MD, Chief Medical Director, RRMC  
George Martin, L.N. Consulting Inc.

Tom Huebner presented to the Board on the construction requested in the CON application they provided. Mel Boynton described how RRMC knows they are not performing more surgery than necessary. Judi Fox reviewed the finances and costs for the project and the options RRMC has for the financing rate. Board members asked questions and provided comments. For more information, please click [here](#).

## **Health Information Technology (HIT) Report**

Sarah Kinsler, Health Policy Advisor, GMCB  
Agatha Kessler, Health Policy Director, GMCB  
Dawn Gallagher, Health Technology Solutions  
Michael Costa, Deputy Commissioner, DVHA  
Emily Richards, Health Information Exchange/HIT Integration Manager, DVHA  
Bruce Bullock, MD, Chair, VITL

Sarah and Agatha provided a short update on the Board's statutory authority related to Vermont Information Technology Leaders (VITL) Health Information Technology (HIT) and Health Information Exchange (HIE). Sarah reviewed the three major GMCB oversight activities related to VITL. Emily and Dawn provided an evaluation of Vermont Health Information Technology Activities. They provided background and context for the evaluation and the methodology they used. For more information, please click [here](#). Dr. Bullock presented to the Board on the goal of VITL and their plan going forward. For more information, please click [here](#). Sarah and Agatha then provided recommendations to the Board regarding VITL oversight and HIE/HIT planning.

## **Hospital Budgets 2019 Update**

Andy Pallito, Director of Health System Finances, GMCB  
Tom Crompton, Associate Director of Health System Finances, GMCB  
Lori Perry, Senior Healthcare Financial Systems Analyst

Andy presented to the Board the previous CFO meeting agenda and minutes from December 6, 2017. There was feedback from the CFO's on the questions Andy and his team provided. Kevin asked about other measures that can possibly be utilized besides NPR and to tie in to general growth and the economy. Andy responded that it is too early for recommendations but there could be a further breakout of NPR. Tom and Andy are working on a recommendation for NPR; they will create a way to get that information for the Board. For more information, please click [here](#) and [here](#).

## **Public Comment**

Ken Libertoff  
Eric Schultheis, HCA

## **Old Business**

None

### **New Business**

Board member, Robin Lunge updated the public on the cost sharing reduction working group that was discussed at a previous Board meeting. GMCB has been working with the Department of Financial Regulation (DFR), insurance providers, the Health Care Advocate, Department of Vermont Health Access (DVHA), and other stakeholders to look over Federal issues, particularly issues around cost sharing reductions. There is a meeting scheduled next week and the Board will report back.

### **Adjourn**

The Board voted (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 4:10 pm.