

GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD (GMCB)
GMCB Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 12, 2017
1:00 pm

Attendance

Robin Lunge, JD, MHCDS
Jessica Holmes, PhD (acting Chair)
Cornelius Hogan (on the phone)
Betty Rambur, PhD, RN
Susan Barrett, J.D. Executive Director
Judith Henkin, Esq. General Counsel

Executive Director's Report

Jessica Holmes, acting Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 1:00 pm. Susan Barrett, Executive Director, GMCB, updated the Board Members on Legislative activities including a Budget Adjustment Act request to the House Appropriations Committee as well as an overview of the Board's work and duties given to the House Health Care Committee. ***

Minutes

The Board voted (4-0) to approve the minutes from Thursday, December 22, 2016.

All Payer Model Update and Discussion

Pat Jones, Health Care Project Director, and Melissa Miles, Health Policy Project Director, provided an update on the implementation of All Payer ACO Model agreement that was signed between the State of Vermont and Medicare and Medicaid on October 2016. To view this All-Payer Accountable Care Organization Model update, click [here](#) or visit the GMCB webpage.

Public Comment

Brenda Linderman
Ken Libertoff

Presentations

Judy Henkin, General Counsel, provided a background overview on GMCB statutory authority on nursing homes as it related to much of the presentations that day.

Pam Cota, Health & Long Term Care Facility Licensing Chief, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) presented information on the CMS Five Star Quality Rating System found on the Nursing Home Compare website. A brief overview concerning the Regulation of Nursing Homes in Vermont was also provided. For more information on the 5 Star Quality Rating System, click [here](#) or visit their website at <https://www.medicare.gov/nursinghomecompare/search.html>. For more

information on the Regulation of Nursing Homes of Vermont, click [here](#) or visit the GMCB webpage.

Public Comment

John Block
Ken Liberto

Laura Pelosi, Policy and Regulatory Affairs, Vermont Health Care Association, provided an overview on Vermont nursing homes. Capacity, utilization, rate setting and the challenges facilities face today were among many of the topics. For more information on the Overview of Nursing Homes, click [here](#) or visit the GMCB webpage.

Public Comment

Brenda Linderman
Jim Darragh

Michelle Carter, Regional Ombudsman, Vermont Legal Aid, presented information on experiences they had with residents they service in Vermont nursing homes. A brief history of the Ombudsman program was also provided. Every state has an Ombudsman program that was authorized by the Older American's Act in the 1970's. Vermont Ombudsman Program serves as advocates for residents in nursing homes, assistant living homes and residential homes. In 2005, services were expanded to individuals receiving long term care services in the community through the long term care Medicaid program, Choices For Care.

New Business

Betty Rambur, PhD, RN, GMCB Board Member, received many heartfelt farewells, at her last GMCB board meeting, before beginning her new journey in Rhode Island.

Adjourn

The Board voted to adjourn the meeting at approximately 3:45 pm.