Dear Colleagues,

Section 10 of Act 113, passed by the Vermont legislature in 2016, tasks the Green Mountain Care Board with developing a Primary Care Advisory Group (PCAG):

Sec. 10. PRIMARY CARE PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY GROUP
(1) The Green Mountain Care Board shall establish a primary care professional advisory group to provide input and recommendations to the Board. The Board shall seek input from the primary care professional group to address issues related to the administrative burden facing primary care professionals including:
   (a) Identifying circumstances in which existing reporting requirements for primary care professionals may be replaced with more meaningful measures that require minimal data entry;
   (b) Creating opportunities to reduce requirements for primary care professionals to provide prior authorization for their patients to receive radiology, medication and specialty services;
   (c) Developing a uniform discharge data set for use across the State.
(2) The Green Mountain Care Board shall provide an update on the group's work and progress in their Annual Report.
(3) The Board may seek assistance from organizations representing primary care professionals. Members of the advisory group who are not State employees will receive per diem compensation per 32 VSA sec. 1010. The PCAG sunsets on July 1, 2018.

Implementation of Section 10
The Board envisions a 13-member group composed of hospital-owned Primary Care Providers, independent practice Primary Care Providers, FQHC Primary Care Providers, Pediatrician(s), and others with substantive expertise in the areas related to the charge. In addition to physicians, nurse practitioners and physician’s assistants are encouraged to apply. To assist us with establishing the PCAG, we are asking you to share this opportunity with your membership and to provide us with information from those who are interested in this important advisory group. Please have potential candidates provide their CV and a short statement on why they would like to serve on this group. We ask that you submit this information to Jaime.fisher@vermont.gov no later than Monday, August 9, 2016. Please note that self-nominations are also accepted. The Board will review and select the members of the PCAG by the end of August, and the group will meet for the first time in September.

The PCAG will meet monthly and will be supported by GMCB staff. The meetings are public and subject to the Vermont Open Meeting Law.

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this important work. If you have any questions, please contact Susan Barrett, Executive Director of the Green Mountain Care Board.

Best,

Susan Barrett