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Re: Fletcher Allen Health Care, Inpatient Bed Replacement Project
Certificate of Need Application, GMCB-021-14con
and
Fletcher Allen Health Care, Purchase of South Burlington Real Estate Project
Certificate of Need Application, GMCB - 015-14con

Dear Donna,

I write to request a change in the review schedule for the two CON applications Fletcher Allen now has before the GMCB, referenced above.

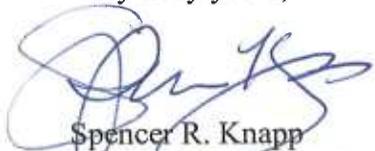
As you know, the South Burlington Real Estate project application was filed on June 3, 2014 and is under review currently. Ordinarily, that project would be scheduled for a hearing and decision well in advance of the Inpatient Bed project application, which was initially filed on September 29 and is still awaiting completion.

For a variety of reasons, we believe it would be preferable for the Inpatient Bed project to be reviewed first. We now have completed the schematic design and price-estimating process for that project, as we indicated in the application, and we expect to file the schematic design drawings, final budget information, and CON financial tables shortly after we present these to our Board for approval on November 6. All of the required information for the application would then be submitted and the review process for the Inpatient Bed project could begin formally.

To allow for undivided focus on review of the Bed Replacement project, we think it would be best to suspend the Board's review of the South Burlington project in the meantime. Accordingly, in accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 9440(c)(4), we hereby consent to extend the time limits for review of the South Burlington project, while the Inpatient Bed Replacement project is under review, with the understanding that review of the South Burlington project will resume, once a decision is issued for the Inpatient Bed project. We understand that you have been in the process of arranging a real estate consultant to review the South Burlington project application, and we certainly would not object to your continuing with that independent review to keep things moving.

If you have questions or need further information, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Spencer R. Knapp', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Spencer R. Knapp
Sr. VP and General Counsel

Cc: City of Burlington
Office of the Health Care Advocate
Howard Center
City of South Burlington