

THE
University of Vermont
MEDICAL CENTER

By Courier & Email

Office of the General Counsel

May 4, 2016

Donna Jerry
Senior Health Policy Analyst
89 Main Street, Third Floor, City Center
Montpelier, VT 05620

Re: Letter of Intent and Certificate of Need Application
for Replacement of the fixed PET/CT System

Dear Donna:

On behalf of The University of Vermont Medical Center, I am pleased to submit the following documents in connection with our Certificate of Need application for the replacement of our fixed PET/CT System:

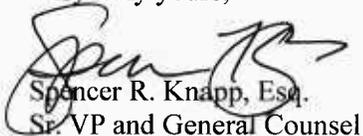
1. Letter of Intent, requesting expedited review;
2. Verification under Oath, signed by John Brumsted, MD;
3. Certificate of Need Application with:
 - a. A Narrative Description of the Project;
 - b. A detailed response to the applicable CON criteria, including the HRAP CON standards;
 - c. Financial Tables; and
 - d. Applicable attachments to the CON application.

Since we are requesting expedited review, we understand that your office will take care of the public notice requirements in accordance with 18 V.S.A. §§ 9440(c)(2)(A) and 9440(c)(5).

We look forward to receiving your decision on our request for expedited review and to working closely with you and your staff during the review process. If you or any members of your staff have questions concerning our application materials, please feel free to contact me any time.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


Spencer R. Knapp, Esq.
Sr. VP and General Counsel

STATE OF VERMONT
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD

In re: The University of Vermont Medical Center Inc.)
Application for Certificate of Need to Replace the)
Fixed PET/CT System)
Capital Expenditure: \$2.7 million)

JOHN R. BRUMSTED, M.D., being duly sworn, states on oath as follows:

1. My name is John R. Brumsted, M.D. I am the Chief Executive Officer of The University of Vermont Medical Center Inc. and President and Chief Executive Officer of The University of Vermont Health Network. I have reviewed the foregoing Certificate of Need Application.
2. Based on my personal knowledge, after diligent inquiry, the information contained in the Application is true, accurate and complete, does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact, and does not omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement made therein not misleading, except as specifically noted herein.
3. My personal knowledge of the truth, accuracy and completeness of the information contained in the Application is based upon either my actual knowledge of the subject information or, where identified below, upon information reasonably believed by me to be reliable and provided to me by the individuals identified below who have certified that the information they have provided is true, accurate and complete, does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact, and does not omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement made therein not misleading.
4. I have evaluated, within the 12 months preceding the date of this affidavit, the policies and procedures by which information has been provided by the certifying individuals identified below, and I have determined that such policies and procedures are effective in ensuring that all information submitted or used by The University of Vermont Medical Center Inc. in connection with the Certificate of Need program is true, accurate, and complete. I have disclosed to the Board of Trustees all significant deficiencies, of which I have personal knowledge after diligent inquiry, in such policies and procedures, and I have disclosed to the Board of Trustees any misrepresentation of facts, whether or not material, that involves management or any other employee participating in providing information submitted or used by The University of Vermont Medical Center Inc. in connection with the Certificate of Need program.
5. The following certifying individuals have provided information or documents to me in connection with the Application, and each such individual has certified, based on his or

her actual knowledge of the subject information or, where specifically identified in such certification, based on information reasonable believed by the certifying individual to be reliable, that the information or documents they have provided are true, accurate and complete, do not contain any untrue statement of a material fact, and do not omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statement made therein not misleading:

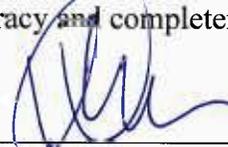
- (a) Paula Gonyea, Director, Radiology. This individual certified to the accuracy of the description of the equipment and the operations of the Radiology Department as described in the Application, including all information regarding the function, operation and clinical aspects of the PET/CT program.
- (b) Marc Stanislas, Director, Finance. This individual certified to the accuracy of all financial information submitted with the Application, including the CON Financial Tables.
- (c) David Hillman, Manager, Facilities Planning and Construction. This individual certified to the accuracy of all information in the Application describing the renovation work to be performed, including the Project's consistency with the FGI Guidelines and the schematic drawings submitted with the Application.

6. In the event that the information contained in the Application becomes untrue, inaccurate or incomplete in any material respect, I acknowledge my obligation to notify the Green Mountain Care Board, and to supplement the Application, as soon as I know, or reasonably should know, that the information or document has become untrue, inaccurate or incomplete in any material respect.



JOHN R. BRUMSTED, M.D.

On April 29 2016, JOHN R. BRUMSTED, M.D. appeared before me and swore to the truth, accuracy and completeness of the foregoing



Notary Public
My commission expires 2/10/2019



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Re: Letter of Intent for Replacement of the fixed PET/CT System

Dear Donna:

In accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 9440(c)(5) and the Certificate of Need Program Rule 4.000 (“Rule 4”), The University of Vermont Medical Center (“UVM Medical Center”) is filing this Letter of Intent and the enclosed Certificate of Need application, seeking expedited approval, without a hearing and with such other abbreviated process as the Green Mountain Care Board determines is appropriate, of a project to purchase equipment and make related renovations to replace its fixed PET/CT System (the “Project”).

Under 18 V.S.A. § 9440(c)(5) and Rule 4, a request for expedited review may be granted if the project is likely to be (a) uncontested and (b) does not substantially alter services. Because this is simply an equipment replacement project involving a service that UVM Medical Center already provides, it is very unlikely that the project will be contested.

Under § 4.304 of Rule 4, a CON project does not “substantially alter services” if:

- (a) The project raises no significant health care policy or planning concerns; and
- (b) The project consists of the routine replacement of existing equipment that is depreciated, out-of-date or obsolete.

The Project’s cost of \$2.7 million is not substantial in terms of UVM Medical Center’s overall budget, and the Project will not have a significant impact on UVM Medical Center’s services or financial health. Moreover, because there will be no changes to our services, we do not believe that the Project raises any significant health care policy or planning concerns. Finally, consistent with the Rule, this Project consists of the routine replacement of UVM Medical Center’s only PET/CT system consistent with sound business practices.

Under Rule 4, we believe that the Green Mountain Care Board may declare this application uncontested and issue written notice granting a Certificate of Need without any further process, and we respectfully request that the Board do so.

In accordance with 18 V.S.A. § 9440(c)(2) and the underlying CON regulations and guidelines, we provide the following information concerning the Project, which is amplified in the enclosed application:

Project Scope: The Project involves the purchase of a new PET/CT System at a cost of \$2.37 million, and associated facilities renovations at a cost of \$172,000. The total Project cost, which includes contingencies, architectural fees, furnishings, and the fixed equipment, is \$2.7 million.

Project Rationale and Objectives: Our existing PET/CT system was installed over 7 years ago, is fully depreciated, and does not feature the latest enhancements in updated technology, including significant improvements in image quality, lower amounts of radiopharmaceuticals administered to patients prior to the exam, and lower radiation exposure from the equipment itself.

Need to be Addressed: The Project will enable UVM Medical Center to continue providing high-quality tertiary-level care for the treatment of cancer and certain cardiovascular diseases where PET/CT serves as an essential diagnostic tool.

Cost, Access, Quality: The Project will provide continued patient access and improve the quality of our services without any significant increase in our costs or charges.

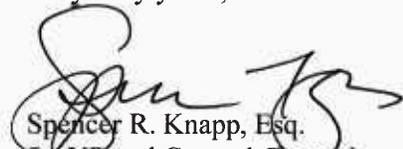
Location: The Project will be located in our existing PET/CT exam room, located on McClure 1.

Service Area: Vermont and the New York counties of Essex, Warren, Washington, Clinton, Franklin and St. Lawrence, with a combined population of approximately one million persons.

Projected Expenditures: \$2.7 million.

We look forward to working with you and your staff during the review process for this application.

Very truly yours,


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Sr. VP and General Counsel