

**STATE OF VERMONT  
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD**

In re: Application of Visiting Nurse and ) GMCB-019-15con  
Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire, )  
Inc. for Purchase of Office Condominium )  
to House Administrative Offices )  
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**SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATE OF NEED**

On February 22, 2016, the Green Mountain Care Board issued a Certificate of Need (CON) and Statement of Decision and Order allowing the Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) to purchase real estate in White River Junction for use as its administrative offices. On March 22, 2016, the VNH requested the Board’s approval to reconfigure the office design and enlarge the project square footage by 585 gross sq. ft. (533 usable sq. ft.), increasing the project costs from \$2,584,000 to \$2,701,080 but leaving mortgage payments substantially the same, due to a lower interest rate. The Board concluded that the change was “nonmaterial” pursuant to 18 V.S.A. § 9432(12), and issued an Amendment to the Certificate of Need on March 30, 2016.

By letter dated September 26, 2016, the VNH notified the Board that the property’s owner has offered the VNH the opportunity to purchase an additional 485 gross square feet. If the VNH were to purchase the additional square footage, the cost of the project will increase more than 10 percent above the cost initially approved by the Board, thus constituting a material change under Vermont law. VNH is requesting an amendment to the CON to allow it to purchase the additional space, increasing the total project cost from \$2,584,000 to \$2,924,650.

The Board approves the request. By purchasing the additional square footage, the VNH will be able to house its administrative offices, in a single location, at this time and into the future. The VNH is able to fund the purchase, which will increase its annual operating costs from \$212,000 to \$226,500.

The Board therefore issues a Certificate of Need in this matter subject to the terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the February 22, 2016 Certificate of Need and the March 30, 2016 Amendment to the Certificate of Need. Further, the Board incorporates the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law—with the exception of those in conflict with the changes referenced above—outlined in the February 22, 2016 Statement of Decision and Order in this docket.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: October 19, 2016 at Montpelier, Vermont.

s/ Alfred Gobeille ) GREEN MOUNTAIN

s/ Cornelius Hogan ) CARE BOARD  
 ) OF VERMONT  
s/ Jessica Holmes )  
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s/ Betty Rambur )

Filed: October 19, 2016

Attest: s/ Janet Richard  
Green Mountain Care Board  
Administrative Services Coordinator