

June 30, 2014

via e-mail

The Honorable Al Gobeille
Green Mountain Care Board
89 Main Street, Third Floor, City Center
Montpelier, VT 05620

Dear Chairman Gobeille:

Consistent with the requirements of Act 79 of 2013, I am submitting the attached energy efficiency action plan for Fletcher Allen Health Care. I would like to thank our partners at Efficiency Vermont and the Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems for their help in developing the reporting tool that we are using to illustrate our energy plan.

This plan represents exciting efforts to help promote the sustainability of this health care delivery system. At Fletcher Allen, our commitment to sustainability underpins many of the decisions we make every day. First and foremost, we must meet the needs of our patients. The residents of Vermont and Northern New York depend upon us to provide lifesaving treatments every day. Second, we must provide these high quality services at the lowest possible cost. What excites us about the environmental sustainability efforts we have undertaken, is the fact that they support these two fundamental goals: we are providing superior care at the lowest possible cost.

The efforts discussed in our plan are only a part of our overall commitment to sustainability. We have pledged through many of our actions to reduce our overall impact on the environment. In fact, we recently won several Practice Greenhealth awards for environmental excellence and are setting the highest standards for environmental practices in health care nationally.

Some of the practices that we have committed to include:

- LEED certification for new construction, which rewards locally-sourced building materials
- Investments in public health and our environment
- High efficiency construction practices, in addition to many other construction practices
- Our award-winning Nutrition Services Department, which in 2013 spent over \$1.5 million in food produced in Vermont – this represents approximately 36% of our food spending

We appreciate this opportunity to share our sustainability message with the Green Mountain Care Board, and are happy to speak with you further about this.

Regards,



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