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May 8, 2020

Mr. Jonathan Billings  
Northwestern Medical Center  
133 Fairfield St.  
St. Albans, VT 05478

**RE: Docket No. GMCB-003-19con, Renovation/Construction of Emergency Department,  
Project Cost: \$7,616,215**

Dear Jonathan:

The Board has the following additional questions with respect to the above-referenced application:

1. If NMC has a low enough census in the Emergency Department, is it possible to “flex” one of the planned dedicated safe holding rooms, convertible safe holding rooms, or some other room in the Emergency Department to serve as a “mental health common space” in which mental health patients can meet with advocates, family members, support and legal services, etc.?
2. Is there currently a space outside of the Emergency Department that can serve as a “mental health common space” where mental health patients can meet with advocates, family members, support and legal services, etc.?

Please respond to the above questions no later than 4:30 PM on Friday, May 15, 2020. In responding, please restate the question in bold font and respond in unbolded font. Send an electronic copy to me at [donna.jerry@vermont.gov](mailto:donna.jerry@vermont.gov) and one hard copy (three-hole punched) with a Verification Under Oath to my attention at the Green Mountain Care Board, 144 State Street, Montpelier, Vermont 05602.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-828-2918.

Sincerely,

*s/ Donna Jerry*  
Donna Jerry  
Senior Health Policy Analyst

cc. Michael Barber, General Counsel  
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