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**RE: Docket No. GMCB-009-19con, Renovations and Substantial Remediations to Remedy Ligature Risks at Rutland Regional Medical Center. Project Cost: \$3,463,820 to \$4,000,000.**

Dear Shireen:

Thank you for the May 9, 2019 letter you submitted on behalf of Rutland Regional Medical Center (RRMC) seeking leave to make certain expenditures as part of the above-referenced project before the Board completes its review.

According to your letter, RRMC would like to purchase replacement furnishings for the inpatient psychiatric unit at a total cost of \$169,576. The furnishings would allow RRMC to address urgent risks for patients at high risk of self-harm. The furnishings are expected to take eight to twelve weeks at a minimum to obtain and allowing RRMC to purchase them now will reduce the delay and associated risk to patients. RRMC would also like to move forward with the development of construction documents for the inpatient psychiatric unit at a total cost of approximately \$294,000. The activities would involve developing plans/specifications and seeking public input from advocates in order to create bid documents.

In a typical case, RRMC would be prohibited from making the expenditures described above before the Board issues a certificate of need approving the project. *See* 18 V.S.A. §§ 9432, 9434(b). However, this is not a typical case; the project is subject to emergency review and, given that the proposed expenditures will likely reduce delay in the project and the associated risk of patient self-harm, the Board grants the request. *See* 18 V.S.A. § 9440(e); GMCB Rule 4.000, § 4.303.

The approval granted by the Board is limited to the two project components described above. The Board will continue to evaluate the overall project, including these two components, through an emergency process. As RRMC proceeds with these components of the project, if there are potential or actual changes in their type, scope or cost, RRMC must notify the Board immediately.



If you have further questions, please contact Donna Jerry at 802-828-2918.

Sincerely,

s/ Kevin Mullin

Kevin Mullin, Chair

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cc. Michael Barber, General Counsel

