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Mr. William Cats-Baril, PhD  
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**RE: Docket No. GMCB-016-19con, Proposed Development of Medically Supervised Withdrawal Treatment Center for Substance Use Disorder in Stowe.**

Dear Mr. Cats-Baril:

Thank you for your application and letter requesting expedited review for the above-referenced project. Notice of the project was posted on the Board’s website on November 6, 2019, in accordance with statute. Please be advised that the Board will review the application on a *non*-expedited basis.

Expedited review is appropriate where (1) the application is likely to be uncontested, and (2) the proposed project does not substantially alter services. Rule 4.000, § 4.304.1(a). A project does not “substantially alter services” if (a) the project raises no significant health care policy or planning concerns; and (b) the expenditures associated with the proposed project or action do not have a significant impact on the services provided, the cost of health care, or the financial strength of the applicant. *Id.* at § 4.304.2. The applicant must demonstrate that expedited review is appropriate.

The documents you have provided do not demonstrate that the application is likely to be uncontested. Nor do they demonstrate that the proposed project does not substantially alter services. The project involves the development of a new residential treatment center in Stowe, VT that will offer medically supervised withdrawal and residential substance use disorder treatment services exclusively to private pay and commercially insured patients. It cannot be said at this time that the project raises no significant health care policy or planning concerns and that it will not have a significant impact on the services provided, the cost of health care, or the financial strength of Silver Pines Partners, LLC.

Dated: November 18, 2019 at Montpelier, Vermont

s/ Kevin Mullin, Chair )

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