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Shawn P. Tester  
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**RE: Docket No. GMCB-006-22con, Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital Emergency Room Mental Health Support Area Addition**

Dear Mr. Tester:

Thank you for your letter dated November 1, 2022, updating the Board about the above referenced project. Your letter represents that in your original jurisdictional determination request from March 28, 2022, the project was expected to cost \$2,856,287 and now is projected to cost \$3,282,468. The increase is directly correlated to labor and workforce challenges, supply chain challenges, and unpredictable inflationary impact. The scope of the project has not changed. Financing for the project remains covered up to \$3 million with the Congressionally Delegated Spending HRSA funds, and NVRH plans to use its own equity to cover the anticipated overage of \$282,648.

On May 18, 2022, the Board issued an order determining no jurisdiction asserted for the mental health support area addition. Because the total project cost remains below the current monetary jurisdictional threshold of \$3,365,386, it is not subject to CON review at this time. See 18 V.S.A. § 9434(b)(1), as revised by Certificate of Need Bulletin 004 (March 30, 2022). If the project were to exceed the monetary threshold, the project would likely require some level of review.

As you proceed with developing and implementing this project, if there are any changes in type, scope or cost of the project, please contact the Board immediately so we may determine whether any further process is necessary. Failure to do so as required by Green Mountain Care Board Rule 4.301(4) may result in sanctions, as specified in 8 V.S.A. § 9445.

If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-760-8162.  
Sincerely,



s/ Donna Jerry

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cc: Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney, GMCB

