

GMCB Public Comment

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Topic: Inpatient Mental Health Care

Comment: Hurricane Irene wiped out the disgusting state hospital in Waterbury. We're now in our twelfth year of inadequate inpatient care that has left severely mentally ill patients languishing in emergency rooms and front-line providers dealing with the consequences. You gave UVMHC \$21 million dollars 6 years ago to study the problem. They blew \$3 million coming up with an outrageous plan which you did not question. Now you are poised to allow UVMHC to use the remaining \$18 million as they see fit rather than dedicating it to solving the severe shortage of inpatient beds. Please. We must find a way to help mental health patients with severe need get the help that comes from inpatient treatment. Dedicate that \$18 million to creating inpatient beds.

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