

November 30, 2022

Green Mountain Care Board 144 State Street Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear Green Mountain Care Board,

As Interim Managing Officer and former CFO of North Country Hospital, I am writing to offer support for OneCare Vermont's proposed FY2023 budget. I can attest to the value this brings to all Vermont healthcare organizations, as efforts continue to balance between advancing healthcare reform and continued recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

OneCare Vermont provides financial support to North Country Hospital, focused on patient-centered, preventive, and coordinated care. NCH will receive \$10.2 million in financial support this fiscal year, and this funding helps improve healthcare and healthcare choices for our community. Any reduction in that funding reduces our ability to offer the care we are so proud of.

In our partnership with Northern Counties Health Care and the opening of a walk-in primary care clinic in Newport, being able to review population health data has been extremely helpful and contributes to improving operations and quality of care here in our Emergency Department to meet the needs of our patients and the community.

With support for the OneCare, FY2023 budget, this important work will continue. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tracey Paul

Interim Managing Officer