

**STATE OF VERMONT
GREEN MOUNTAIN CARE BOARD**

In re: Rutland Regional Medical Center)
 Renovation of Emergency Department)
 and New Construction)
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ORDER GRANTING AMENDMENT TO CERTIFICATE OF NEED

Factual Background

On October 17, 2014, the Green Mountain Care Board issued a Certificate of Need (CON) to Rutland Regional Medical Center (RRMC). The approved project includes the renovation and reconfiguration of RRMC’s emergency department (ED) and the construction of a new one-story, 2,072 square foot addition to the east side of the ED to house offices and support staff.

On November 6, 2015, RRMC filed a request that the Board amend the approved CON to allow for renovation of an additional 1,840 square feet and reconfiguration of the interior space. The new design results in an increase in project costs from \$4,804,474 to \$6,016,407.

CEO Thomas Huebner presented RRMC’s request to amend the CON at the Board’s public meeting on November 14, 2016. Huebner explained that RRMC’s initial ED design would not accomplish some of the hospital’s objectives; in particular, the new design more keenly focuses on needs of psychiatric patients that enter the hospital through the ED. Following the presentation, the Board voted unanimously to approve the amendment.

Conclusions of Law

1. The increase in project costs constitutes a material change requiring our review. 18 V.S.A. § 9432(11) (B) (a material change is one that “increases the total costs of the project by more than 10 percent of the approved amount”); 18 V.S.A. § 9444(b)(1) (material changes to approved project subject to review).
2. Based on representations provided in its November 6, 2015 verified request and at our public meeting, RRMC has justified the additional cost of the project. The requested redesign of RRMC’s emergency department will help provide a safe environment for psychiatric patients, improve workflow, and reduce the use of hallway beds.
3. Accordingly, the Board approves the requested amendment to this CON. Specifically, the amended CON shall reflect a total cost of \$6,016,407 and allow for the renovation of an additional 1,840 square feet of space. The project shall be paid for with Equity Board designated funds, as outlined in RRMC’s November 6, 2015 request.

Order

Based on the foregoing, the Board grants RRMC's request to amend the CON issued in this docket on October 17, 2014 to reflect its revised construction plans, for a total cost of \$6,016,407. All other terms, conditions and requirements contained in the Statement of Decision and Certificate of Need issued shall remain in effect.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 15, 2016 at Montpelier, Vermont

s/ Alfred Gobeille)
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s/ Cornelius Hogan)
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s/ Jessica Holmes)
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s/ Betty Rambur)
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s/ Allan Ramsay)

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Attest: s/ Janet Richard
Green Mountain Care Board, Administrative Services Coordinator