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**Subject:** Public Comment: Hospital Budget 2023-08-21T18:43:00Z

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Elise Jackson

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: I am an LNA on the Medical Intensive Care Unit at UVMHC. I would like to see UVMHC management prioritize support staff and provide adequate and fair compensation. When the GMCB is deciding on UVMHCs budget I ask that they consider the unlivable wages that are present at UVMHC for all support staff. As a full time LNA/US who has worked at UVM for 4 years and received either the highest or second highest wage increases every year I am not able to afford everyday items such as new work shoes without holes, adequate and healthy groceries, and even my own healthcare such as glasses with the correct prescription and so much more. We are asking the GMCB to help us and hold management accountable in regard to the unlivable and insulting wages provided to their support staff who are vital in the hospitals day to day functions. We are the staff providing CPR, nutritious food, medical equipment, blood draws, transportation, daily care, and countless other vital aspects to the hospital. Please consider how you as the GMCB can help and ensure UVMHC management uses funds to support us so we can continue to keep the hospital running day to day without jeopardizing our own lives and the lives of our families.

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