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**Subject:** Public Comment: Hospital Budget 2023-08-21T18:33:25Z

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

Submit Time: 8/21/2023 6:33:25 PM

Name: Sally Dahlin

Affiliation:

Town/City:

Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: Dear GMCB, My name is Sally Dahlin and I work in Patient Financial Services at UVMMC. I request that you ask that UVMMC direct funds to wages and benefits of hospital workers. We as dedicated professionals tirelessly provide essential care to our communities. Despite their unwavering commitment, many hospital workers struggle make ends meet due to stagnant wages. A wage adjustment would not only acknowledge our vital contributions but also ensure our financial security and job satisfaction. By raising wages we not only demonstrate our gratitude but also invest in stronger healthcare system ultimately leading to improved patient outcomes. We kindly urge the board to consider approving the budget that UVMMC has sent. We're asking the board to consider ensuring that the UVM Medical Center prioritizes in our budget the most important resource; employees. We have been undervalued for too long. Sincerely, Sally.

Post Comment: Yes