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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Community Engagement: Hospital Sustainability and Act 167

Comment: Response to GMCB re Dr Hamory's Presentation Dr Hamory's presentation did a good job of laying out the challenges to VT's health care system and emphasized four important goals: reduce inequities and inefficiencies, reduce cost, improve health outcomes, and increase access to essential services. However, I found it was short on practical next steps. Several times he mentioned that each community would get together to decide what their priorities are. I simply don't think there's a mechanism for that in healthcare policy and reform. (If there is, educate me!) Regarding the four goals above, there is only one way to achieve them, and that is to strengthen primary care. I don't recall a single mention of this in the presentation. I am still looking for a clear commitment by the state to strengthen primary care. If nothing else, Dr Hamory's presentation outlines the urgency of this need. The GMCB's Primary Care Advisory Group, and the VT Academy of Family Physicians would be valuable resources in developing strategies to fortify primary care in our state. Sincerely, Fay Homan, MD

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