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Subject: Public Comment: Act 167 Community Engagement

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Community Engagement: Hospital Sustainability and Act 167

Comment: I have attended two community meetings concerning the finances of Grace Cottage Hospital and suggestions for improvement. I do not feel that the large amount of tax payer money spent on this survey has been well spent. I wonder how many of the board members have any real experience in the health care system. I agree that finances are very important for the functioning of any hospital, but there is more to health care than cash. The emotional health of a community is extremely important and I do not think this has been a consideration in the report. Reducing the number of facilities does not work in Vermont. Our population is spread all over the State and with limited transportation services, and an aging population, we need facilities close by. Taking away facilities also affects the economy of the area and thus, the tax income. I could go on, but you can expand the picture, if you really think about the problem in depth. I hope this report will undergo some rethinking and revision.

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