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Comment: Thank you for presenting your findings last night in Rutland. I wanted to comment on a slide that showed the least to most expensive types of care. At the very top of that list was self care/prevention. Prevention work, especially in substance use, mental health, aging in place, housing challenges, and disease prevention could drastically change the outlook and need of hospital care. Is there a place for this type of work at the hospital level? Or should we stick to the reactive care that we provide because that is what we get reimbursed for? So much of this is connected to so many other aspects of the community and I know the hospital cannot be the entity that solves or addresses all the issues. However, I believe hospitals could participate in the preventative/upstream work to support community organizations and help to address social drivers of health at the system level. Again, thank you for your time and I look forward to reviewing the list of strategies and options you have provided.

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