A public comment has been received 05/24/2024.

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Topic: OSC Certificate of Need

Comment: Our current staffing at UVMMC hospital is greatly supported by travel nurses. How are they going to staff a new facility? It isn't with their current wage scale and benefits. No one can afford to live in Vermont, especially young families. The ones that do come, work until they get all of their sign on bonus then leave. Who offers \$25000 sign on bonus for 1 years work? I agree that more surgeries would be good however for that to happen, we need competent staff and I, as well as many others who work at UVMMC, fail to see how they are going to make that happen.

Post Comment: Yes