

A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Topic: Importance of our hospital

Comment: I'm hoping to help the Care Board understand the importance of our amazing local Grace Cottage Hospital and Family Health to our community. Residents of our rural Vermont towns that this hospital services would be in dire straits without the care provided by this unique institution. I'll try to keep this to the most important reasons. Old time Vermonters are leery of big hospitals and doctors in general, so might chose not to get care. The administrators and providers at Grace Cottage know how to alleviate this distrust and make people feel comfortable and at home. As a result many more receive health care before it becomes a crisis. For many who travel on mountainous and dirt roads to get to our hospital, the idea of going further to Brattleboro would prevent them from doing so. This could result in deaths, acute illness and of course insurance companies shouldering the burden as well. We also believe the quality of the physicians and hospital care in general is better than those of larger hospitals in the area. All aspects of our health are addressed including mental health. In addition Grace Cottage I imagine is the major employer in our area, thus making it extremely important to our economy. Our community adores and supports GCH in so many ways and always turns out in droves for all fundraising events. My husband has been receiving care at the hospital since it started in 1949, me since 1983. Even with remodeling and additions we still need more room for the Family Health areas. When going for appointments or tests this summer it was evident of how small the waiting rooms and areas for the doctors to care for their patients was making things more difficult. I think I've given you enough of an idea. Would be happy to speak further if needed. Thanks for listening and in advance for supporting us and our health.

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