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**Re: UVMHN FY2025 Budget Review – Written Objections to September 11, 2024
Deliberations**

Dear Mark:

Pursuant to the Green Mountain Care Board’s (GMCB) agreement with the Vermont Association of Hospital and Health Systems (VAHHS),¹ I write to memorialize objections to the GMCB’s budget deliberations on September 11, 2024, on behalf of the University of Vermont Health Network’s (UVMHN) Vermont hospitals: the University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMHC), Central Vermont Hospital (CVHC) and Porter Hospital.

Although UVMHN is unable to identify all potential objections that may ultimately arise through the continuation of the GMCB’s deliberations and issuance of a final written budget and enforcement orders, this letter reflects its current and anticipated objections to the proceedings to date. UVMHN reserves its right to raise additional objections or clarify the nature of its objections in response to further proceedings and written orders.

The UVMHN Vermont hospitals reiterate, and incorporate fully herein, all of the objections that they made with respect to the Board’s September 9, 2024 deliberative session, which were included in my letter to you of yesterday. Except to the extent the Board ultimately decides not to take enforcement action against Porter Hospital, as proposed (but not decided) late

¹ This agreement is memorialized in Shireen Hart’s August 6, 2024, letter to you on behalf of VAHHS, providing in relevant part that “[h]ospitals have two full business days to submit post-hearing written objections.”

this afternoon, none of our prior objections have been addressed or remedied by the Board's actions. As a result, those objections apply with equal force to today's proceeding.

As always, please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Eric S. Miller
SVP and General Counsel
The University of Vermont Health Network

Cc: Office of the Health Care Advocate