

**GMCB Public Comment**

**Submit Date:** 3/7/2023

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**Topic:** UVMMC FY2017 funds and mental health

**Comment:** I suggest that UVMMC use the funds left from the abandoned inpatient facility at Central VT Hospital for the following: - Build or designate space for a inpatient mental health facility for children and youth. Even if one is build in the Bennington area, the northern part of the state needs one as well. Right now, parents with children in the only children's mental health beds have to drive 3 hours away to Brattleboro if they want to visit their kids. This is unacceptable. - Create or fund additional community resources for mental health care that will divert adults and children from having to go to the ED when they are in crisis or are waiting for a hospital bed. Thank you.

**Post Comment:** Yes