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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Ćamil Srna

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Comment: My name is Ćamil Srna, and I am a Clinical Patient Safety Attendant in the Resource Department at UVMHC. I want to see safety be prioritized. I work in a job where I'm exposed to abuse, both physical and verbal and I see how patient behaviors affect my coworkers heavily. There are many things the hospital can do to better protect our staff, and it is my hope that the hospital and the Green Mountain Care Board include in their budget protective equipment for Emergency Department staff, like slash-resistant vests and penetrative-resistant gloves. More accountability for violent patients and consequences for their actions. Paid time off for staff after an act of violence committed against them. The ability to refuse an assignment or be reassigned from a patient if the staff member feels their safety would be compromised- say a staff member of color working with a racist patient or a pregnant caregiver working with a known violent patient. I look forward to seeing how staff safety can continue to be prioritized to ensure we can provide 100% to the people of Vermont. We're asking the board to consider ensuring that the UVM Medical Center prioritizes in our budget the most important resource; employees. We have been undervalued for too long. Best regards, Ćamil Srna, CPSA

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