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A new GMCB Public Comment has been received.

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Name: Alexandra McKitty

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Topic: Hospital Budget

Comment: I am a Mental Health Technician in the Emergency Department at UVMHC. Staff need at least \$22.00 base pay with a sliding scale so the people who have been here for 4+ years like me, are making more than people hired 2 months ago off the street. I'm 24 years old and can barely afford my bills along with groceries. I want to be able to put myself in school to become a psychiatric RN and cannot do that due to spending more money on bills than I'm making every 2 weeks from a full-time position at this hospital. It's very disappointing and discouraging for my future. I can't plan for school let alone even consider a family of my own at this point. 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.

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