

## **DELIVERED ELECTRONICALLY**

March 23, 2023

Dr. Sunil Eappen  
President and CEO  
University of Vermont Health Network

RE: FY2017 Budget Enforcement

Dear Dr. Eappen,

At its meetings on February 22, March 8, and March 22, the Green Mountain Care Board reviewed and discussed the status of the Board's April 11, 2018 order regarding FY2017 surplus funds self-restricted by the University of Vermont Medical Center. At its meeting on March 22, the Green Mountain Care Board voted to approve the following motion:

*Move to modify the UVMHC FY17 enforcement action to (1) permit the funds self restricted to be used to increase capacity of mental health services in the state (not limited to inpatient capacity), (2) require UVMHN to develop a proposal that reflects and incorporates priorities from the Vermont Department of Mental Health and contributions from community members identified by DMH for planned use of those funds, and (3) require that until utilized, such funds shall be held in the UVMHN Funded Depreciation account, with funds expected to be deployed in less than 9 months shall be held in the short-term investment portfolio; funds expected to be deployed in more than 9 months shall be held in the 60/40 portfolio, and all interest, earnings and appreciation shall be accounted for and used to increase capacity of mental health services in the state.*

*For the Board to determine progress is being made:*

- *the proposal must be submitted to the GMCB by May 31, 2023,*
- *the Board will need confirmation from DMH that it is satisfied the proposal adequately reflects its contributions, and*
- *the proposal must include:*
  - *an analysis showing how the use of funds will reduce the frequency and length of stay for adults, adolescents, and children experiencing a mental health episode who are boarded in EDs, and*
  - *an analysis showing how the use of funds will increase capacity for mental health services.*



As set out in the motion approved by the Board, please work with the Vermont Department of Mental Health and submit to the Board a proposal for the use of the self-restricted funds by May 31, 2023. Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sarah Lindberg, Director of Health Systems Finances, GMCB  
Russ McCracken, Staff Attorney GMCB

cc:  
Rick Vincent, CFO, UVMHN  
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