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Agency of Human Services

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Judith Hayward, Chief Executive Officer
Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont
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Dear Judith,

I am pleased to inform you that Health Care and Rehabilitation Services of Southeastern Vermont (HCRS)'s application for a Certificate of Approval (COA) to renovate an existing property owned by the Brattleboro Retreat in Brattleboro, VT for up to \$500,000 has been determined to be complete. This COA application follows a partnership proposal put forward by HCRS and Brattleboro Retreat to develop a six-bed, staff secure Level III Recovery Residence in that area. The COA application further identifies that New Perspectives for Care, Inc. will be the collaborative non-profit corporation formed by HCRS and the Brattleboro Retreat for this project. For the purposes of this COA, the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) has waived their involvement in the review process given the scope of population to be served and scope of services involved. A decision regarding the COA will be made by the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health (DMH) no later than May 23, 2009.

The COA application and its related attachments and tables will be posted on the DMH website for a minimum of 20 days. In the upcoming weeks, DMH will identify the public input process that will be undertaken as part of the COA review. You will be notified of your participation requirements. The public input process will be announced on the Department's website, and if a public hearing is scheduled, proper notice given of the hearing date and time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-652-2000 or at frank.reed@ahs.state.vt.us.

Sincerely,

Frank Reed, LICSW
DMH Operations Director

Cc: Michael Hartman, DMH Commissioner
Joan Senecal, DAIL Commissioner

