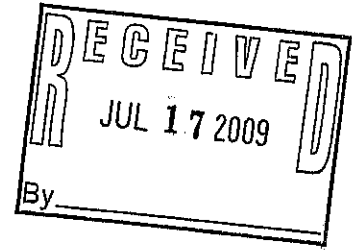


Brattleboro Retreat

MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION CARE



July 15, 2009

To: Beth Tanzman
Deputy Commissioner
Vermont Department of Mental Health
108 Cherry Street, P.O. Box 70
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From: Robert E. Simpson
President and Chief Executive Officer
Brattleboro Retreat
1 Anna Marsh Lane, P.O. Box 803
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Re: Psychiatric Acute Care Services to Replace Vermont State Hospital

Dear Beth,

On behalf of the Brattleboro Retreat I am submitting this official Letter of Intent announcing our plans to submit a proposal for a 16 bed inpatient acute care unit as part of the state's plans to close Vermont State Hospital.

I look forward to conversations with you and members of the Department of Mental Health regarding our proposal. The Retreat remains a committed community partner with the state and wishes to expand its contribution to the ongoing work of the Futures Project. I look forward to working with other hospitals, designated agencies, advocates, consumers and community resources to continue in all our efforts to develop and maintain simply the best integrated health care system possible for all Vermonters.

Regards,

Robert E. Simpson, Jr., DSW, MPH
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