



**Brattleboro Retreat**  
MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION CARE

January 30, 2023

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee,

This statement is submitted in follow-up to the testimony provided by the Brattleboro Retreat on January 26, 2023.

The Retreat wishes to clarify two specific points.

First, although the Retreat accepts patients with co-occurring medical conditions and has a medical team on site, the Retreat does not have in-house resources to independently manage highly acute medical conditions or medical emergencies.

Second, the Retreat supports the efforts of the Department of Mental Health to secure services through the RFP process for youth patients with highly acute medical conditions. For non-acute situations, the Retreat has the capacity and clinical resources to treat adolescent patients with co-occurring medical conditions.

As noted during testimony, the Retreat must achieve an average daily census of 100 to remain financially viable. We will continue to do our best to serve the mental health needs of Vermont children and adolescents.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this supplemental information.

Respectfully Submitted,

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