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Agency of Human Services

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Senator Anthony Pollina
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Dear Senator Pollina,

I am writing to confirm our recent conversation about sober homes. The Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs currently funds a number of providers that deliver transitional housing, some of which might be considered sober homes. There currently are no regulations governing this housing in particular.

I would be pleased to convene a workgroup this summer to look into the types of sober housing in existence and how best to approach setting standards to ensure best practices for clients and community safety. Please let me know if you have any particular recommendations for workgroup participants; my approach would be to select representatives operating this type of housing, clients living in sober housing, community residents and treatment/recovery services providers. I would also link this work with the broader Agency of Human Services Housing Task Force work so that recommendations would be consistent with the general approach to supportive housing.

Please let me know if you have any other requests in this matter or other suggestions. I would plan to submit a report back to you prior to the next legislative session.

Thank you for this important opportunity.

Sincerely,



Barbara Cimaglio
Deputy Commissioner
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs

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