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The Honorable Representative Alice Emmons, Chair
House Committee on Corrections and Institutions
State House
Montpelier, VT 05602

Dear Representative Emmons:

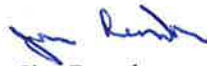
I am writing to follow up from my testimony on Thursday, February 6, 2014 in the House Corrections and Institutions Committee. In order to resolve a budgetary issue related to furnishings at the future Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH), without further taxing the capital or operating budget, I am requesting that \$447,928.05 of capital funds be transferred to the Agency of Human Services (AHS). This will be used as the state match to leverage federal dollars as part of the Global Commitment waiver. The additional federal funds will allow for the purchase of the needed furnishings and first-year Electronic Health Record (HER) in time for the opening of VPCH. It is important to note that the Department of Mental Health is currently issuing an RFP for a permanent solution for an EHR that may require additional funding.

The language requested is below.

The Commissioner of Buildings and General Services is authorized to transfer from Act 51 Sec 2(b) (15)(A) the sum of \$447,928.05 to the Agency of Human Services. This transfer will allow the Agency of Human Services to match federal dollars for eligible project cost required under the Certificate of Need.

I appreciate your consideration of my recommendation and look forward to working with you on this issue.

Sincerely,



Jim Reardon
Commissioner

cc: Rep. Martha Heath, Chair, House Appropriations Committee
Rep. Ann Pugh, Chair, House Human Services Committee
Senator Jane Kitchel, Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
Senator Peg Flory, Chair, Senate Institutions Committee
Senator Claire Ayer, Chair, Senate Health and Welfare Committee
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