

Theresa Utton

Subject: FW: Important Turning Point

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From: Bill Roberts, MD []
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 9:30 PM
To: 'Karen'
Cc: Theresa Utton
Subject: RE: Important Turning Point

To whom it may concern,

Franklin County has a significantly greater access to care for opiate addiction than most areas in the state, but it is clear to me that conventional Medically Assisted Therapy will prove profitless if the stabilized addict is not able to access appropriate peer to peer recovery services. These services are the vehicle for transition to sustained recovery for a lifetime.

I would be greatly saddened if the Recovery Network were to suffer cuts this year, when the real value of their efforts are just beginning to be recognized. The turning Point office in Franklin County has not had the endorsement that it deserves in the past. The integration of their services into the Office Based Opioid Treatment Program run by NMC is just now about to be realized. I anticipate that peer to peer efforts to enrich the patient experience will become a standard of care for medical management when these services are available. As compared to any other budget item, the return on investment for sustaining the recovery network will be difficult to capture as these efforts are quietly embedded into sustained recovery. The lived experience is a platform for strength in recovery supports.

Please sustain the funding of the Recovery Network and the Turning Points Centers of Vermont.

Sincerely,

William Roberts, MD, PhD

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From: Karen [<mailto:karen@tpfcvt.org>]
Sent: Monday, March 09, 2015 1:59 PM
To: Bill Roberts, MD
Subject: Important Turning Point

Dr. Roberts,

The Turning Point would appreciate the possibility that you might testify by email to the State of Vermont House of Appropriations Committee, which is holding a public hearing on Thursday March 12, at 1:00pm in room 11 at the statehouse to consider groups impacted by their proposed cuts. We must defend our recovery system from this proposed cut, which would eliminate all the funding for our recovery centers and network.

Bill we were hoping you might consider this, I do realize your days are full. I have enclosed our latest data for your consideration.

tutton@leg.state.vt.us for signup.

Thanks
Karen