

1 planning; and establish data match partnerships with appropriate Agency of
2 Human Services departments to match Department of Corrections, homeless
3 management system information (HMIS), and Medicaid information.

4 (5) Explore establishing a collaborative approach for the Department,
5 the Department of Mental Health, and the Vermont Department of Health to
6 contract with housing providers to coordinate responses for shared clients and
7 identify how the State can better leverage local and federal housing vouchers.

8 (6) Explore how the Department’s contractors could leverage federal
9 Medicaid funding or other funding to allow the Department’s contractors’
10 clients to stay in supportive housing after they are no longer under the
11 supervision of the Department.

12 (7) Reduce barriers to recovery housing by establishing evidence-based
13 norms and expectations for contracts and certifications for sober and recovery
14 housing providers, including allowing for the use of medications and
15 restricting evictions due to relapse.

16 (8) Explore opportunities to redefine housing requirements for
17 incarcerated persons in order to receive approval for furlough release.

18 (9) On or before November 15, 2020, report to the Joint Legislative
19 Justice Oversight Committee on:

20 (A) the Department’s plan to reduce its use of short-term
21 incarceration sanctions for people on furlough, the reduction in numbers of