

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative William J. Lippert Jr.
Chair, House Health Care Committee

FROM: Commissioner Sarah Squirrell
Department of Mental Health

DATE: April 27, 2021

SUBJECT: Children and Youth Mental Health Needs

In H.438 (2021), the Department of Mental Health is directed to issue a request for information from designated and specialized service agencies and peer-run agencies for developing and implementing programming for unlocked community residences for transitional support for individuals being discharged from inpatient psychiatric care or for intervention to prevent inpatient care. The request for information must be issued by August 1 of this year, and responses are due no later than December 1, 2021.

The Department of Mental Health will ensure efforts for children and youth are prioritized in the request for information to address ongoing needs of Vermont's children.