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Agency of Human Services

Mr. Mark Bodin, President
Board of Trustees
Kurn Hattin Homes for Children
P.O. Box 127
708 Kurn Hattin Road
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Dear Mr. Bodin,

Please find the enclosed Residential Licensing and Special Investigations (RLSI) Licensing Report for New England Kurn Hattin Homes for Children (Kurn Hattin). Through conversations with your executive leadership, we understand you have an interest in closing your Residential Treatment Program (RTP) license with the Department for Children and Families (DCF) and instead operate a residential education program for children.

Based on the most recent licensing review of Kurn Hattin, we concur that your program does not meet the Licensing Regulations for Residential Treatment Programs. As such, DCF is willing to close your RTP license as of July 15, 2020 with affirmation in writing of completion of the following steps prior to closure:

- Kurn Hattin will remove any citation or reference of being licensed by the State of Vermont from the current website and in any future agency literature. This will include the removal of any programmatic advertising language that is treatment-related or would cause another state or community entity to believe you are a licensed residential treatment program.
- Kurn Hattin will notify primary referral sources in Vermont and out-of-state entities that Kurn Hattin is no longer a licensed RTP and RLSI will be cc'd on those notifications.
- Kurn Hattin will remind its staff members of their legal obligation to report incidents of suspected child abuse and neglect as mandated reporters in Vermont.
- Kurn Hattin will only accept children and youth whose social, emotional, behavioral, and educational needs can be met within your residential education program.

The alternatives to license closure by meeting the requirements above would be for RLSI to pursue the license revocation process or for your facility to remain licensed as an RTP and engage in a remediation plan that addresses RTP Regulations not in compliance and in compliance with reservation within six months of issuance of this letter. Should you choose to remain licensed, RLSI would be available to assist you in meeting regulatory compliance and would conduct a site visit to verify compliance at the end of the six months.

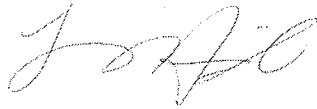
The licensing report lists RTP Regulations 401, 423, 502, 504, 644, and 721 were rated as *compliance with reservations* and RTP Regulations 116, 118, 120, 122, 201, 404, 412, 419, 422, 508, 520, 522, 601, 603 were rated as *noncompliance*. The report lists the RTP Regulation language and the corresponding



narratives provide information gathered during the licensing visit and licensing cycle which informed the rating determination.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (802) 585 – 0947.

Sincerely,



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