

MEMORANDUM

TO: Representative Houghton, Chair, House Committee on Health Care

FROM: Emily Hawes, Commissioner, Department of Mental Health

DATE: February 28, 2023

RE: Follow up response for Northeast Kingdom Mental Health Treatment Center Project Testimony

Provide information on the 5 current awards that have been funded through HCBS FMAP

The Department announced to five providers that the State will enter into service contracts for their proposed Alternative to Emergency Department projects. Three projects are for Psychiatric Urgent Care for Kids (PUCK) programs in Brattleboro, Lamoille, and Bennington. [UCS currently operates its PUCK program part-time, and this funding will support full-time services and dedicated staff to expand access to services that have proven successful in this region.]

The other two projects are Living Room models, one in Addison and one in Washington Counties. These programs will offer crisis services for adults in the community and incorporate peer support and other evidence practices into their approaches to treatment and recovery.

