

MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Andrew Perchlik, Chair, Senate Committee on Appropriations

FROM: Kelly Dougherty, Deputy Commissioner, Vermont Department of Health

DATE: March 7, 2025

SUBJECT: Follow-up information requested – Fiscal Year 2026 Executive Budget

Below is the information requested during Dr. Mark Levine's testimony on February 26, 2025, regarding the Health Department's fiscal year 2026 executive budget proposal.

1. *Provide information on the number and location of stabilizations beds to be funded by the requested \$1 million.*

Re-engagement bed (stabilization bed) services will be provided by Recovery House, Inc. in Rutland County. This funding will support staff time and materials to support this service. Current residential bed capacity supports the inclusion of these new services. Therefore, an increase in beds was not required, only funding to support this non-Medicaid billable service. VDH will continue to negotiate with Valley Vista, in Bradford, to bring these services on board.

