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March 26, 2019

Ms. Beatrice Birch
Inner Fire at Grace Brook Farm
26 Parker Road
Brookline, VT 05345

Re: Docket No. GMCB-004-19con, Development of a Therapeutic Community Residence

Dear Ms. Birch:

Thank you for your letter dated February 25, 2019 requesting a revised jurisdictional determination with respect to the development of a Therapeutic Community Residence (TCR) on the campus of Inner Fire, as well as the documents that accompanied that request and the revised project cost spreadsheet submitted on March 6, 2019.

Based on the information contained in the submissions noted above, in addition to your existing day program, you intend to develop a TCR that offers a residential program and services to up to eight individuals. To be licensed as a TCR, Inner Fire will employ a registered nurse on site to supervise medication management. *See Request for Revised Jurisdictional Determination; see also Licensing and Operating Regulations for Therapeutic Community Residences, Section 5.8 (describing medication management requirements for TCRs).*

The project cost spreadsheets indicate that the capital costs of the project are below \$1,500,000 (\$520,019) and the annual operating expenses do not exceed \$500,000 in either of the next two budgeted fiscal years (\$78,501 and \$112,194 in years one and two, respectively).

Based on the representations contained in your submissions, the project is not subject to certificate of need review. However, if there will be changes in the type or scope of the project, including any addition of beds or increases in annual operating expenses during implementation or in the future, please notify the Green Mountain Care Board immediately so we may determine whether the proposed changes are subject to further review.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (802) 828-2918.

Sincerely,



s/ Donna Jerry
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c.c. Michael Barber, General Counsel, Green Mountain Care Board
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