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

Re: Docket No. GMCB-024-18con, Development of a Therapeutic Community Residence

Dear Ms. Birch:

Thank you for your August 20, 2018 letter regarding the development of a Therapeutic Community Residence (TCR) on the campus of Inner Fire at Grace Brook Farm.

According to your letter, Inner Fire, located in Brookline, currently offers an outpatient day program for adults recovering from debilitating and traumatic life challenges without the use of psychotropic medications. The services offered are non-medical in nature.

Your letter states that you intend to construct a 1,770 square foot residential building on Inner Fire's campus to house a TCR for up to eight individuals and two staff, and that the identical non-medical services currently offered will be extended to the new residents. You also note that you have submitted an application to the Department of Aging and Independent Living (DAIL), Division of Licensing and Protection to be licensed as a TCR.

Based on the information you have provided, it is unclear what, if any, medical services may be offered on site, and whether or not the inclusion of such services will bring the project within certificate of need jurisdiction. Once you have completed DAIL's licensure process, please submit a letter explaining whether any medical personnel and services that will be provided on and off site for residents, the nature of those services, and the Board will issue a jurisdictional determination at that time.

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

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry
Senior Health Policy Analyst

cc: Kevin Mullin, Chair

