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Comment:

The Statewide SASH program has benefited from a strong collaborative partnership with One Care Vermont (OCV). The SASH program, operated out of twenty-one independent non-profit and public housing authorities across the state, works in partnership with community based providers in every county to coordinate and manage care and services for at-risk and vulnerable Vermonters living in 140 subsidized housing buildings and the surrounding neighborhoods. In place since 2011, the SASH program now services approximately 5,000 older adults and adults with disabilities.

As the statewide administrator for the SASH program we have found OneCare to be responsive, accessible and highly supportive of our efforts to develop systematic and formalized relationships with partners in order to provide the best and most seamless level of support and services to our program participants. OCV has been especially supportive of our desire to build on our housing based platform in innovative ways to improve quality and reduce the costs of health care services for our participants. An example is a mental health pilot program that OCV funded last year to support a formalized partnership between Howard Center and Cathedral Square SASH that embedded a mental health clinician in two SASH housing sites in downtown Burlington to provide increased access to mental health services for our residents. OCV has been actively involved in the pilot over the past 12 months- meeting regularly with us to improve the quality and efficiency of the services provided. OCV's investment in this pilot has greatly expanded both Howard Center's and Cathedral Square capacity to serve our clients- many of whom are not attributed to OCV.

We have found that OCV regularly seeks community based providers input on its operations and participates regularly in community based care coordination meetings across the state. These efforts indicate OCV's willingness and interest in supporting and expanding the strong collaborative efforts among Vermont's community based providers.