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Mr. Dale Robb  
Recovery House Inc.  
P.O. Box 207  
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**RE: Docket No. GMCB-015-19con. Develop a 10-Bed Low Intensity Residential Treatment Program for Substance Use Disorder at Grace House in Rutland.**

Dear Mr. Robb:

Thank you for your letter received on October 15, 2019 requesting a jurisdictional determination regarding the proposed development of a 10-bed low intensity residential treatment program for substance use disorder (SUD) at Grace House in Rutland.

As represented in your letter, Grace House has, for 35 years, operated as a “half-way” house for persons with SUD and for 15 years, has also housed the Rutland County Public Inebriate Program. Grace House is also the site of a small Medication Assisted Therapy Clinic serving 14 individuals whereby prescriptions are written by a physician, but no medications are dispensed or provided on-site.

Grace House is now proposing to develop a low intensity residential treatment program for SUD and will use 10 of its 12 licensed Therapeutic Community Residence (TCR) beds, currently licensed by the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, for this proposed program. The new initiative will offer the following services on-site: SUD screening and safe bed supervision, prescriptions for medication assisted therapy, individual and group medication assisted therapy counseling, clinical supervision, individual and group therapy, and care coordination. This initiative will be funded by a grant from the Vermont Department of Health Division of Drug Abuse Programs and Medicaid fee-for-service billings.

Because the project described in your letter does not include any construction, renovation or fit-up activities; does not change the number of licensed beds through addition or conversion, or through relocation from one physical facility or site to another; and does not trigger annual operating expense thresholds under 18 V.S.A. § 9434 (a)(1), (a)(2)(A) nor (B)(5), the project is not subject to certificate of need review. However, as you proceed with this project, if there are changes in the type, scope or cost, please notify the Board immediately so we may determine whether the 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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