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Dear Ms. Jerry:

I am writing on behalf of BAART Behavioral Health Services Inc., (BBHS) a BayMark Health Services Inc. company to submit a request for jurisdictional determination for the project of building and the implementation of an Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) in Bennington, VT. Particularly located at 120 Depot St. Bennington, VT 05201.

BAART Behavioral Health Services Inc. is an entity of the parent company BayMark Health Services Inc. Headquartered in Lewisville, Texas. BayMark Health Services (BayMark) is the leading provider of evidence-based opioid use disorder treatment services in North America. We believe in providing comprehensive treatment at different levels of care so that our medical providers and treatment staff are able to best meet the needs of the patients we serve. BayMark, founded in 2015 after the merger of BAART Behavioral Health Services and MedMark Treatment Centers, set out to become the leader in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder. BayMark currently offers addiction treatment in a variety of modalities including the following. Opioid Treatment Programs, Outpatient Buprenorphine Treatment, Outpatient & Inpatient Withdrawal Management and Residential Addiction Treatment through 16 different brands, in 440+ locations across 37 U.S. states and parts of Canada.

BAART Behavioral Health Services Inc., often referred as BAART Programs has an even deeper history as the company was founded in 1977 in the Bay Area of California to combat opioid misuse. They quickly added locations throughout California and then expanded over into other states, including Vermont. BAART currently operates 4 Opioid Treatment Programs (OTP's) in Vermont at the following locations and under these d/b/a's:

Region	D/B/A	Address
Berlin, VT	BAART Programs Berlin	617 Comstock Road, Suite 5 Berlin, VT 05602
Newport, VT	BAART Programs Newport	475 Union Street Newport, VT 05855
St. Albans, VT	BAART Programs St. Albans	242 S. Main Street St. Albans, VT 05478
St. Johnsbury, VT	BAART Programs St. Johnsbury	1097 Hospital Drive St. Johnsbury, VT 05819

All 4 OTP hub programs have the ability to offer patients either methadone or buprenorphine and occasionally offer naltrexone to assist in their addiction treatment, along with counseling.

BAART Behavioral Health Services Inc., will be expanding its reach in the state of Vermont to the Bennington County area, providing both methadone and buprenorphine medication assisted treatment to those struggling with OUD in that area. In addition to the provision of medication management, patients will also benefit from additional services to include counseling services, case management, crisis intervention, referrals, assessments, and care coordination. The selected site, located at 120 Depot St. Bennington, VT 05201 has a tentative floor plan of 3,760 square feet with an additional 3,470 available for future expansion. The site lay out plan will include 3 dispensing windows, 2 group rooms, 5 counseling offices, a lab and an exam room. The total buildout cost is projected to be around, \$750,000.

With the buildout of the Opioid Treatment Program, the County of Bennington will have a hub to support patients in need of a more structured treatment setting by providing methadone or buprenorphine, coupled with counseling services. In providing this support to the community the goal is to reduce the negative impact opioid use disorder has shown in the community, particularly in overdose deaths. The presence of this program in this community will also assist in the reduction of local Emergency Department visits for potential patients presenting for opioid disorder

assistance and needs. BAART will partner Southwestern Vermont Medical Center (SVMC) to facilitate referrals and provide a continuum of care to patients in the area.

The following table shows the initial staff need currently projected to open and the FTE growth at the end of year 3:

Position / Title	Initial FTE	Credentials	3 Year FTE Projection
Treatment Center Director	1	N/A	1
Physician (Contract)	15 hrs./wk.	MD	65 hrs./wk.
Clinical Supervisor	1	LADC	1
Counselor	0	Assoc. / Bach. in Behavioral Science	5.5
Nurse	2.4	LPN/LVN/RN	2.4
Fiscal Clerk	1	N/A	1
Medical Assistant	0	N//A	1

The need to open an OTP in the Bennington region is due to the opioid related deaths surging 200% within the last year and having the highest number of opioid related deaths of any region in the state. The current absence of a hub in the region means that residents in this region are traveling each day over an hour to receive services, with the closest clinics located in Rutland and Brattleboro, Vermont. A daily burden preventing many from remaining in recovery.

Sincerely,

Mike Crisp
Director of Development