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RE: Docket No. GMCB-015-23con, Development of Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility

Dear Ms. Wohl:

Thank you for your June 7, 2024, letter requesting a jurisdictional determination for the development of a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) at the Brattleboro Retreat. Please respond to the following:

Your letter states that the Brattleboro Retreat (Retreat) has offered a residential treatment program for children continuously from at least the 1970s until 2021 when the operation of the adolescent residential treatment program was suspended. It is further stated that although the residential program was suspended from 2021-2024, the Retreat maintained its license for children's residential services. This program, until suspended, was licensed as an adolescent residential treatment program through the Vermont Department for Children and Families, accredited by The Joint Commission, and certified as a Private Non-Medical Institution by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The proposed 15-bed facility will be licensed by the Vermont Department of Health as a psychiatric residential treatment facility, accredited by The Joint Commission, and certified as a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF).

In making a jurisdictional determination, we need to understand whether this is a new healthcare service. Based on your letter, the facility will be certified as a PRTF, a designation and level of care that does not currently exist for children anywhere in the state. Please explain in detail why the proposed PRTF is not a new healthcare service. In responding, please also explain the extent to which seclusion and restraint was a component in the residential program from the 1970's through 2021 and address whether seclusion and restraint will also be a component in the proposed PRTF. Also specify and explain in detail other components that are included in the PRTF but were not included in the residential program that was suspended in 2021.



In responding, restate the question in bold font and respond in unbolded font. Send an electronic copy to me at donna.jerry@vermont.gov and one hard copy (three-hole punched) with a Verification Under Oath to my attention at the Green Mountain Care Board, 1 National Life-Davis 3, Montpelier, Vermont 05633.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 802-760-8162.

Sincerely,

s/ Donna Jerry

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cc. Laura Beliveau, Staff Attorney, GMCB

