

March 8, 2017

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Green Mountain Care Board
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Subject: Valley Vista – Proposed Vergennes Residential Treatment Facility

Dear Donna;

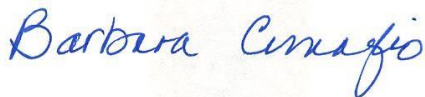
I am writing to indicate our strong support for the treatment facility proposed for 1 Alden Place in Vergennes, VT. The plans for this facility would provide residential treatment for 19 patients with primary substance use disorders.

There is a high degree of urgency for our Department to address replacement of the treatment capacity that was lost recently when Maple Leaf Treatment Center closed its doors. They provided treatment to 41 patients at their site in Underhill, VT. The proposed Vergennes facility would replace services for half of that number, which ensures that we would not have even longer wait times for this level of care.

Since Valley Vista has provided this same type and level of care in their Bradford, VT program, we know the quality of their program and are ensured that they can begin delivering care as soon as the facility is prepared and they have staff hired. The usual start-up time required with a new provider would not be as significant because of Valley Vista's extensive experience. They are already familiar with our and DDAIL's regulations and are prepared to meet all those requirements prior to opening. Thus, we feel this is the best possible approach to help us address the current crisis in our treatment network.

We appreciate your prompt attention to Valley Vista's CON application. If you have any questions that I can help with, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Barbara Cimaglio
Deputy Commissioner
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