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TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

FROM: John Pandiani and Walter Ochs

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RE: CRT Physical Health Care Costs by Clinic

Following our February 15, 2008 PIP report on “Medicaid Physical Health Care Costs for Mental Health Service Recipients” (<http://healthvermont.gov/mh/docs/pips/2008/documents/Pip021508.pdf>). Boyd Tracy (Vocational Rehabilitation) requested information regarding the average physical health care costs for each regional CRT program. This week’s report, prepared in response to that request, provides average physical health care costs per client for each of Vermont’s ten regional Community Rehabilitation and Treatment programs for adults with serious mental illness.

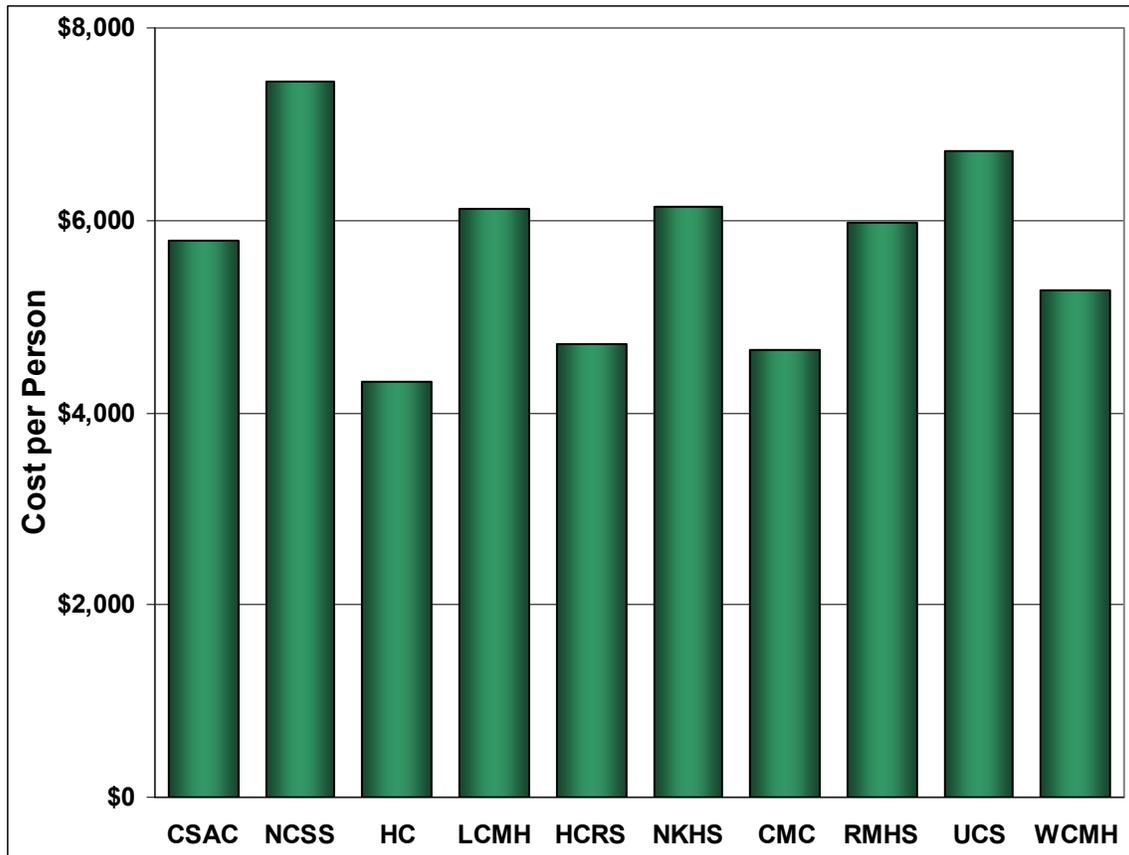
Like the previous report, this report is based on analysis of CY2006 Vermont Medicaid paid claims for physical health care provided to adults aged 18 and over. Physical health care costs include all Medicaid paid claims that are not categorized as behavioral health services*. All person counts are unduplicated based on Medicaid Recipient Unique ID.

As you will see, there was substantial variation in per-client physical health care costs among regional CRT programs. Physical health care costs varied from a high of \$7,440 per CRT client at Northwestern Counseling and Support Services (NCSS) to a low of \$4,314 per CRT client at the Howard Center (HC).

We look forward to receiving your questions and comments at 802.863.7249 or pip@vdh.state.vt.us.

*The CRT group includes all beneficiaries with Medicaid paid claims with a provider type of "DDMHS Case Rate" and excludes beneficiaries with paid claims with a provider type of “MR Clinic” or “MR Waiver”. Physical health care costs exclude costs of MH/Psychotherapy services and psychotherapeutic drugs.

Medicaid Physical Health Care Costs Average Cost per CRT Client by Region Vermont: CY2006



Medicaid Physical Health Care Costs for CRT Caserate Clients

	CSAC	NCSS	HC	LCMH	HCRS	NKHS	CMC	RMHS	UCS	WCMH	Total
Clients	125	188	520	116	319	330	134	260	154	379	2,525
\$/Client	\$5,792	\$7,440	\$4,314	\$6,112	\$4,705	\$6,135	\$4,650	\$5,972	\$6,711	\$5,271	\$5,468

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Service regions are based on client zip codes reported in the Medicaid database. A county-based list of towns included in each region is included on page 120 of the DMH FY2007 Statistical Report:
<http://healthvermont.gov/mh/docs/res-eval/documents/2007statPart4.pdf>