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**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

June 15, 2022

Dear Mr. Stavseth:

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) held a public hearing on your proposed Home and Community-Based Mental Health Urgent Care Services project on June 8, 2023. No members of the public attended the hearing. Additionally, no written comments were received by June 14, 2023, following public notice of the hearing and a comment period. DMH earlier determined your application, with supplemental responses to questions posed by DMH, to be complete on May 24, 2023. Given this review and the absence of any new information that would identify potential concerns or local opposition to this proposed project, **DMH is pleased to grant Northeast Kingdom Human Services a Certificate of Approval (COA)** to move forward with this project.

Depending on the scope of the project, statute delegates authority for the review and approval of Designated Agency capital expenditure projects (18V.S.A. §9435 (b)) to the Department of Mental Health and/or the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living. This written approval letter, accompanied by your original Letter of Intent, should be submitted to the Green Mountain Care Board. Please note that any significant change in the nature or scope of your project, and any costs more than the approved expenditure, will require prior written approval as you move forward.

I wish you success with your project. If you have any questions about this approval, please contact Karen Barber at [karen.barber@vermont.gov](mailto:karen.barber@vermont.gov).

Sincerely,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emily Hawes".  
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Emily Hawes  
Commissioner  
Vermont Department of Mental Health

CC: Alison Krompf, Deputy DMH Commissioner  
Karen Godnick Barber, DMH General Counsel  
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Samantha Sweet, DMH Director of Mental Health

