



ending homelessness  
rethinking mental health

1 Kennedy Drive, L2  
South Burlington, VT 05403  
888.492.8218

June 7, 2024

Karen Godnick Barber  
General Counsel  
Department of Mental Health

*Sent via email*

Re: Additional Information Request for Pathways Vermont Peer Respite COA

Dear Karen Godnick Barber:

Thank you for reviewing Pathways Vermont's Certificate of Approval Application for a two-bed respite pilot project.

Please see below the additional information as requested in correspondence dated June 5, 2024.

- We see your sustainability plan after year 2 as going to the Legislature and AHS, what is your alternative plan if you do not get funding from the Legislature and/or AHS?  
*As a pilot project Pathways is assessing the long-term feasibility of this project and the need for the service in our community. If funding through the legislature and AHS is unavailable, Pathways will explore possibilities of Medicaid funding for peer services, work with the current funding foundation, and/or request resources from other private funding partners to continue operations. If ongoing funding is not identified the program would be discontinued; guests would not be displaced by program closure (as it is a short-term program) and employees would be offered other open positions within Pathways Vermont or other local service agencies.*
- You talk about the potential to purchase the building, where would you get the funds to do so? How would you pay for the upkeep and maintenance of the building? *Pathways has received private gifts for capital projects in the past and would fund upkeep and maintenance through reserves (collected from monthly rent savings). There is no plan to purchase a building for this project and a potential rental has been identified in Chittenden County.*
- Your balance sheet shows building depreciation, but the income statement does not show depreciation expense. Can you explain the discrepancy?

*Table 3a and 4a agency income statement without project and agency balance sheet without project both show depreciation. We are not sure if we will be renting or purchasing space for the Peer Respite. The tables provided assume we rent space and therefore table 3b and 4b do not contain depreciation. The cost of rent, maintenance, and utilities for the peer respite site is included in direct service expenses on the project costs tab and table 3b.*

Please let me know if you have any additional questions or requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hilary Melton', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Hilary Melton  
Executive Director