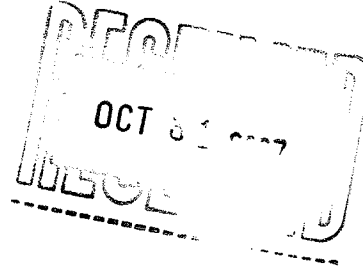


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October 29, 2007

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Dear Mr. Paquin:

I am writing in response to your letter dated October 18, 2007 and the report that accompanied that letter. Rutland Mental Health Services is committed to the further development and utilization of alternatives to the method of transportation described in your report. Toward that end, we will be working with others involved in the involuntary care process to identify additional alternatives and put in place a process that enhances utilization of those alternatives. We will continue to explore alternatives that have been successful in other areas of Vermont as well as nationally.

As you know, the goals of patient rights and patient/public safety sometimes conflict. In addition, the prediction of dangerous behavior is not a well developed science. Nevertheless, our goal is to utilize the best methods available to identify safe means of transportation for individuals that have been determined to be dangerous in a manner which will minimize any potential traumatic effects.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Pour
Interim C.E.O.

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