

Ryan, Cassandra

From: schererj@sover.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2018 4:31 PM
To: Ryan, Cassandra
Cc: chris.kane@vermont.gov; Pallas Gray, Pat
Subject: Community Schoolhouse's educational approval status

Cassandra,

I received an email today from Pat Pallas Gray of the Vermont AOE indicating that you were awaiting a response from me regarding your letter of March 2, 2018 pertaining to the Review Committee's reports and recommendations to the Community Schoolhouse and its general and special education application status.

I apologize for the lack of a response. I was under the assumption that I only needed to respond if I had questions or concerns regarding the recommendations. I felt that I understood the recommendations, and was eager to receive our approvals.

My only uncertainty I had had to do with the developmental delay approval.

Initially when we sent in the application in the spring of 2017 we hadn't made the DD approval request. We added it subsequently to the application last spring when we were reminded by people on the PADS that some of the children who attend the Community House Residential Program are categorized as DD. They felt it was prudent for us to apply for and receive DD approval.

Any residential child we have worked with has been approved for placement by the PADS.

Please make sure that the Interim Secretary or the State Board knows that Community Schoolhouse is the educational arm of a DCF licensed residential treatment program for a number of children in state custody.

I want to let you, the Review Committee, and the Secretary of Education know that we accept the recommendations stated in your 3/2/18 letter to for the Community Schoolhouse's general education approval for 5 years, and also the special education recommendations for 1 year re-approval in the categories of: emotional disturbance, specific learning disability, other health impairment, and a 1 year initial approval in developmental delay.

Please let me know when we should expect another review and what we should prepare in advance. Please let me know also if you have any other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

John Scherer
Executive Director

