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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Ann Cummings; Representative Catherine Toll; Representative Peter J. Fagan; Representative Janet Ancel; Senator Tim Ashe; Representative Mary S. Hooper; Senator Jane Kitchel; Representative William J. Lippert Jr.; Senator Dick Sears Jr.; Senator Richard Westman

FROM: Sarah Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Vermont Agency of Human Services

DATE: August 4, 2020

SUBJECT: JFC Update on the Brattleboro Retreat

Pursuant to the action taken by the Joint Fiscal Committee on June 15, 2020 regarding the Brattleboro Retreat, please find an update from the Agency of Human Services (AHS). This update includes information related to a direct stimulus payment made to the Brattleboro Retreat from federal Health & Human Services (HHS).

On July 14, 2020, the Brattleboro Retreat notified AHS that they received another direct payment from HHS from the CARES act for Rural Health. The payment was for \$3,656,361.89. This amount has now been deducted from the JFC approved CRF appropriation of \$10.2M.

As a reminder, the original JFC approved amount of \$10.2M was reduced by \$2.6M due to additional resources at the Brattleboro Retreat. The total amount of relief that will be issued to the Brattleboro Retreat based on this JFC approval is \$3,943,638. AHS and the Brattleboro Retreat continue their work on the strategic plan and there is the potential for future needed financial relief.

Additional information was sent to the JFC as part of the July 29 meeting. The information provided includes financial information from the Retreat, as well as updates on the long-term strategic plan.<sup>1</sup>

As the August session approaches, the Agency is available to answer any additional questions about the Retreat, as well as provide updates on the implementation of the Sustainability Plan.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> <https://ljfo.vermont.gov/assets/Meetings/Joint-Fiscal-Committee/2020-07-29/d876755983/Brattleboro-Retreat-Act-139-Section-27-Report-Final.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://ljfo.vermont.gov/assets/Meetings/Joint-Fiscal-Committee/2020-06-08/f62501ecea/Brattleboro-Retreat-Sustainability-Plan.pdf>